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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU

Happiness & Prosperity is assured if you order your New SUIT here, or wear our UNDERWEAR, SHIRTS, COLLARS, CUFFS & NECKWEAR.

BARGAINS IN FURS FOR THE BALANCE OF THE SEASON

at FRED. T. WARD'S,
THE PEOPLE'S TAILOR, FURNISHER & FURRIER.

The People's Store.

BARGAINS - HERE - THIS - WEEK.

APRON GINGHAMS, 36 in. wide, at 8 and 10c., reg. 10 and 12½c.
PRINTS.—Big Bargains. Our Print Table is a wonder. Large patterns for tie-downs, all 10, 12½ and 15c., now selling at 7 and 8c. for your choice.
FLANNELETTE BLANKETS.—We have a few pairs left which will be sold 10% discount for cash. Get a pair of them at 80c., they are hard to beat.
FLANNELETTE.—Regular 5c. Flannelette, 28 in. wide, now 4½c.; reg. 8c. Flannelette, 30 in. wide, now 7c.; reg. 12½c., 32 in. wide, now 10c.
WRAPPERETTES.—Our Wrapperette Flannelettes are bargains at 12½c., but must be sold before stock taking, and you can buy them now for 10c. a yard. Good patterns.
OUR MEN'S HATS & CAPS must be sold. You can have any of the lot for 25c. A large number to pick from.
LADIES' CASHMERE SHAWLS will be sold for less than cost. All colors, Cream, White, Blue and Pink, also Plaids in all colors.

Great Clearing Sale of Men's Overcoats. Don't miss the chance. There will be bargains in this store this week never again to be had in Stirling. Produce taken in exchange.

C. F. STICKLE,
GENERAL MERCHANT.

W. H. CALDER

Thanks the lady voters of Stirling who supported him in the contest on Monday last, and also those who did not support him. He has but the best wishes for all, and will look carefully after their interests during the ensuing year.

Stirling, January 4th, 1899.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME!

Neither is there any place like JOHN SHAW'S for Groceries, Provisions and Crockery. You needn't take our word for it. We give you a cordial invitation to come and see. You will need an extra supply for Christmas, on account of friends coming to see you. We can supply you, and our prices are right.

Crabberries, Currants, Spices, Flour, Raisins, Peels, Pork, Sugar, Salt.

—In fact, everything you need in Groceries or Provisions.

FRESH OYSTERS and FINNAN HADDIES now on hand.

THE FINEST LINE OF CROCKERY IN TOWN.

JOHN SHAW.

NORTH HASTINGS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the North Hastings Agricultural Society will be held in the Orange Hall, Stirling, on
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1899,
at one o'clock, p.m. A full attendance of the members is requested, as business of importance will be brought before the meeting.

T. H. MCKEE, President.
GEO. L. SCOTT, Secretary.
PETER FARLEY, Treasurer.

STIRLING HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Stirling Horticultural Society will be held in L. McKeljohn's Hall on
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1899,

at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the annual report, electing officers, and transacting any other business in connection with the Society. A full attendance is requested.

JOHNDRICK, President.
JAS. CURRIE, Secretary.

THE NEWS-ARGUS and Weekly Globe

from now to the end of 1899 for \$1.50.
The NEWS-ARGUS to end of 1899 and Family Herald and Weekly Star for one year for \$1.50. Subscribers to the Family Herald and Weekly Star are entitled to a free copy of the famous battle scene "The Thin Red Line," in colors, 17 x 30.

The NEWS-ARGUS to end of 1899 and Weekly Mail and Empire for one year for \$1.50.

The NEWS-ARGUS to end of 1899 and Farm and Fireside one year for \$1.50.
The NEWS-ARGUS to end of 1899 and the daily Evening Star, Toronto, for one year for \$2.10. This rate only for subscriptions sent in before the 15th of January next.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank Mr. F. B. Parker and family for their kindness to my wife, who was hurt in the recent runaway accident, they having taken her into their home and cared for her until she was able to be moved to her home.

Attest, A. McMULLEN,
Anson, Jan. 3, 1899.

Wellman's Corners.

Wellman's Corners, Jan. 2, '99.

DEAR SIR.—As it has become generally known since Dec. 30th that there is a live Court of the L.O.F. at this place, we thought it advisable to give some account of ourselves.

Court Rawdon No. 3028 was instituted in May, 1897, has been growing steadily ever since, and made its first public appearance at an Oyster Supper given by the members on Friday Eve., Dec. 30th, the results of which prove that Foresters are not only experts in woodcraft, but also in providing good cheer.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable condition of the roads, and the disappointment occasioned by the absence of some of the speakers, the Hall was filled, and also the programme.

After justice had been done to the menu, Bro. Jas. Duncan was called to the chair, and presided in his customary happy manner.

Short addresses were given by Mr. T. H. Matthews, Bro. Brown, of Foxboro, Bro. Payne and M. B. Malloy, H. T. of Campbellford, Bro. W. Anderson held the audience spellbound while he gave one of his popular recitations.

There was music galore, consisting of songs by Messrs. Bertram, Wilkinson, McCann and Sine, autoharp solos by Miss Viola White, and numerous instrumental selections by the Booth family, which were applauded to the echo. The Court Orator was expected to contribute to the entertainment, but unfortunately, was not in condition by the time supper was over.

Our goat is thriving on the refuse, so we are in a position to accommodate any healthy young men who contemplate admission into our Court, and can assure them a warm reception.

The officers for 1899 are as follows:—

C.D.—Bro. Webster Hyde.

P.C.R.—Bro. Wm. Gullett.

C.R.—Bro. C. M. Sine.

V.C.R.—Bro. Clinton Hoyle.

R.S.—Bro. D. A. Robertson.

F.S.—Bro. Geo. E. Mack.

T.—Bro. W. Anderson.

Orator.—Bro. A. Sharp.

S.W.—Bro. P. Sharp.

J.W.—Bro. P. Burgess.

S.B.—Bro. A. Sharp.

J.B.—Bro. H. Whitton.

Chaplain.—Bro. J. Sharp.

Court meets the third Friday of each month.

OYSTER.

Foxboro Notes.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wooten celebrated the tenth anniversary of their wedding day on the evening of Dec. 27th. A number of friends from the village and vicinity, and also from Belleville, were present and spent a very pleasant evening. Mr. and Mrs. Wooten were the recipients of many nice presents.

The Ladies Aid intend having a lecture in the South church on the evening of Jan. 9th. The Rev. C. O. Johnson, of Toronto, will be the speaker, and the subject will be "Seven different people." Admission 25c. for adults, 10c. for children.

Mrs. Brodie, of Woodville, N. Y., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Laird. Miss Tucker of Rawdon, is visiting friends in our village.

A very lively time in our village on Monday over election.

Miss Beatrice Scott, Miss Lucele Hubble and Mr. Robert Garrett, of Belleville, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hubble.

Miss Wiggins, lady lecturer for the W. C. T. U., is expected in our village soon. She comes with good recommendations.

New Year's day was very quiet in our village. There were no services in the churches all day on account of the anniversary services at Halloway.

Anson News.

(From Our Correspondent.)

Master Charles McGillivray has returned from his visit in Madoc.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Cummings have returned from their visit at Grafton and Cobourg. At the latter place Mrs. Cummings attended the funeral of her sister, who had been confined to her bed for the last two years.

Miss M. L. McMillen and Mr. W. K. Hagerman left on Monday for their schools at Gilmour and Harold. We wish them every success.

Mrs. A. McMillen is slowly recovering from the effects of the recent accident under Dr. McKeljohn's skilful treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ellis spent Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Hagerman.

Mrs. Geo. Eggleton gave a very pleasant "At Home" on New Year's day.

Mr. J. McMurchy of Toronto, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith.

Mr. J. Brimmett, of Montreal, paid a visit at his sister's, Mrs. A. Phillips.

Chatterton Chips.

From Our Own Correspondent.

We are having very changeable weather this winter, and poor sleighing so far.

Miss E. Connor, our former P. S. teacher, is attending Medical College in Toronto.

Miss Jennie Finkle has been home for the holidays.

R. Lithgow spent New Year's in Montreal.

Miss Fanny Morden has gone to Clifton Springs, N. Y.

Perry Marshall has brought his bride home.

The children attending the Public School, have received \$12.38 in aid of the Hospital for sick children, Toronto.

The Style of Coat.

The style of coat you should wear this year depends entirely on the style you want. A single breasted, double breasted or a suit are all in style. Certain stores may tell you that and that are not worn; you will find what you want at the Oak Hall, Belleville.

Stirling Cash Store

BIG MID-WINTER SALE!

From now until February 1st we intend to make it interesting for Cash Buyers. For those who have not made large purchases during the holiday season, and for those who can afford to buy ahead for Spring, it will pay to do your buying during the next month. We have just received two large cases of Clothing. These Goods came six weeks too late. We decided to keep them, but have received from the makers an extra big discount, which will enable us to sell at manufacturers' prices.

Heavy Twilled Shirting, fast colors, regular 12½c., for.....	10c.	Men's Blue Beaver Overcoats, wool lined, velvet collar.....	\$3 75
Heavy Flannelette, 32-in. wide.....	5c.	Heavy Frieze Ulster, big collar.....	4 25
Fast color, Plaid Gingham.....	5c.	Men's all wool Tweed Suits, regular \$10.00, for.....	7 50
Fancy Tweed Cloakings, heavy, regular \$1.25, for.....	90c.	Men's all wool Tweed Suits, regular \$8.00 for.....	5 00
Black Beaver Cloth, regular \$1.50, for.....	\$1 10	Heavy ALL WOOL Underwear, reg. 60c., for 45c., or per suit.....	80c.
Fine Tweeds, for men's and boys' wear, regular 60c., for.....	45c.	Men's Heavy Wool Sox, 2 prs. for....	25c.
Good Heavy Tweed, for boys' wear... ..	25c.	Men's Suspenders, regular 25c., now... ..	17c.
Flannelette Blankets, all lines reduced away down.....		Men's all wool Flannel Shirts.....	50c.
Heavy Wrapperettes, regular 12½c....	10c.		
Wide width heavy Print, reg. 12½c. for	8c.		

We are bound to sell a large quantity of Goods during the next month, and intend making the prices do it. Come early, bring your money, and you can have Big Discount in every line.

T. G. CLUTE.

Doings of a Swindler.

He Assumes Another Name and Sells Worthless Eye Glasses.

About three weeks ago a young man of French extraction travelled through a part of Seymour township selling eye-glasses, the rims of which he warranted to be gold. He assumed the name of Prof. De Silberg, and gave assurance of his personage, he carried with him a number of cards printed in the same kind of type as those of De Silberg, and worded the same except the omission of the name of the street.

People who saw in this paper the notice of Prof. De Silberg's visit to Gilmour, returned Tuesday afternoon. He was accompanied by Mr. Robt. Crosby, who returned from his school at Gilmour, and to their sorrow, as they have learned too late that the fellow was a swindler, and that they have paid dearly for what they got from him. In Meyersburg and vicinity he sold several of his gold-rimmed glasses which he valued at \$3.00, for \$2.00, and as low as 50 cents. He played the same game with people in Seymour east, having succeeded in getting \$15.00 from one person. The swindler worked his way towards the vicinity of Spring Brook, where he no doubt succeeded many others. One of our farmers residing at Meyersburg who bought a pair of glasses that are worthless at night, came to Campbellford on Friday to have a sharp interview with Prof. De Silberg, but when he confronted that gentleman he saw at a glance that he was not the man. At the time the fellow was doing his work in this locality, Prof. De Silberg was at Madoc, and it is likely he worked his plans in that way, going through the country about the time that De Silberg announced his visit. A constable should be sent out to look after him.—Campbellford Herald.

The Quaint Hotel at Trenton was destroyed by fire on Tuesday morning last. The fire is supposed to have started from an explosion of gas in the furnace room. The cathedral was built in 1822, and remodelled in 1840 and 1853. Its probable cost has been about \$100,000. There was a debt of \$90,000, and the insurance amounts to \$25,000. Only a part of the records and documents were saved.

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Different Kinds of Clothing.

If you should get a bad pair of boots, would you condemn all the people who sell them and never buy another pair? If your tailor makes you a bad suit, are all tailors thereby condemned? Then if one really-made clothing house sells you a suit that is not right, is it any reason that you should condemn all the makers of clothing? There are different kinds of really-made clothing. The Oak Hall, Belleville, sell the right kind.

PERSONALS.

THE NEWS-ARGUS invites the contribution to this column of all items of a personal nature, such as the arrival or departure of guests, etc. Please notify the editor, or leave a note at this office, or drop a card into the post office, giving full particulars.

Miss Lanktree is visiting her mother and other relatives here, and will remain for some time.

Miss Fietsa Rounds, who has been visiting for some time with friends in this vicinity, returned last week to her home in Welland.

Miss Annie Cherry, of Ottawa, is visiting her cousin, Mr. Jas. Ackers.

Miss Jennie Chard commenced her duties as teacher in the Public School on Tuesday morning.

Rev. S. S. Burns went to Tweed on Saturday, returning Tuesday afternoon. He was accompanied by Mr. Robt. Crosby, who returned from his school at Gilmour, and to their sorrow, as they have learned too late that the fellow was a swindler, and that they have paid dearly for what they got from him. In Meyersburg and vicinity he sold several of his gold-rimmed glasses which he valued at \$3.00, for \$2.00, and as low as 50 cents. He played the same game with people in Seymour east, having succeeded in getting \$15.00 from one person. The swindler worked his way towards the vicinity of Spring Brook, where he no doubt succeeded many others. One of our farmers residing at Meyersburg who bought a pair of glasses that are worthless at night, came to Campbellford on Friday to have a sharp interview with Prof. De Silberg, but when he confronted that gentleman he saw at a glance that he was not the man. At the time the fellow was doing his work in this locality, Prof. De Silberg was at Madoc, and it is likely he worked his plans in that way, going through the country about the time that De Silberg announced his visit. A constable should be sent out to look after him.—Campbellford Herald.

Mr. H. A. Clute leaves this week for Belleville, to take a course in the Ontario Business College.

Mr. W. Gordon, of Tweed, spent New Year's Day as the guest of Rev. Wm. and Mrs. Johnston.

Mr. Ed. Dunk, of Campbellford, visited his friend, Mr. Will Whitty, on Monday and Tuesday last.

Miss Lillie Stickle gave an "At Home" to a number of her friends on Monday evening Jan. 2d.

Miss Eva Campbell, of Belleville, has been visiting during the past week with Miss Katie Barlow.

Mr. Geo. Veece, Jr., spent New Year's with friends in Belleville.

Mr. Jas. Parker, B.A., of Marmora, was in town on Monday last.

Miss Hattie Martin left for Bancroft on Monday, to take charge of the Primary Department of the Public School there.

Mr. Harry Graham returned to Deseronto on Monday last.

Mr. W. Ketcheson Hagerman left on Monday to take charge of a school in Rawdon, a little west of Marmora.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Wright and child left for their home in Watertown N.Y., after spending Christmas and New Year's with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Urial Wright.

Mr. Herb. Barlow, who has been visiting for some time at home, returned to Markham this morning.

Miss Nellie Chad left on Wednesday morning for London, Ont., to visit her relatives and friends there.

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Bargains in Overcoats.

The Oak Hall, Belleville, have some very desirable bargains in overcoats. We have one particular lot of beautiful \$10 heavier overcoats, single and double breasted, that we will clear at \$2 each. This line is not good value at \$10, but they were made up special, and have many superior points over ordinary \$10 coats.

NOTICE.

As the holidays are over, the balance of our CROCKERY must be cleared out, and we will offer great bargains for Cash.

A few of the many things we have in stock:

Fresh & Salt Water Herring, Salmon Trout, Whitefish, Buckwheat Flour, Beans, Diamond Drop Syrup, Hops, Cornmeal, Extra Fine Salt, in barrels.

Our 25c. TEA is a seller. Try it.

WANTED.—Potatoes, Dried Apples and Poultry.

S. HOLDEN.

P.S.—A good Farm for sale.

SAY!

This ad. is written for the people who

DON'T BUY FROM ME.

New Year is the time for good resolutions, and I ask you to resolve to buy a pound of my

25c. Japan Tea

as a starter. Prices and qualities are right in all lines.

Look out for my ad. each week.

Breathes there a man with soul so dead

Who never to himself hath said

"I'll go to Conley's as I should

And get my Groceries cheap and good

For he's the cheapest man in town

I'll get my goods, and pay cash down.

PHILIP CONLEY.

One door east McKeljohn's Hall.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

In the Township of Rawdon.

Take notice that all Taxes must be paid by the 1st day of February, 1899.

J. T. COOK, Collector.

The Home

MAKING A RAG CARPET.

A farmer's wife gives her ideas about rag carpets as follows:

What is called "hit or miss" is commonly thought to be the easiest way of putting the rags together; but by stripping you will get on much faster as the rags can be cut into as many as the pieces allow; portions of pants, waist, skirts, etc., were cut round and round so as to save much sewing. All corners must be trimmed neatly, and thick goods cut narrower than thin, so that the cut strips will be of an uniform thickness as possible. The narrower the rags are cut, the more carpet there will be to the pound, and the better the carpet will look; but the rags must not be so narrow that when sewed together they will not bear winding firmly into balls without breaking. A generous allowance for sewed rags is one and one-half pounds for a yard. The balls should not weigh over a pound; if larger they are clumsy for the weaver to handle and he is more likely to break and waste them. Colored chain, warp, has a richer effect than white, and the carpet looks cleaner longer. Chain of medium thickness is better than heavy or very coarse. One pound of chain is sufficient for three yards. Join the cut rags with good, coarse thread, tap the joined ends about an inch, then cut once, then through the folds, making a smooth joining. Rag carpets look best with little or no white in them.

When the carpet is to be striped, the different colors must each be wound in balls by themselves. A hit or miss strip in a carpet does not show its looks, and uses up the short pieces, of which all hit or miss carpets should be made to have the colors blend well. After deciding how many and how wide the stripes are to be of the several colors, reckon 24 ounces 12 pounds of sewed rags for a yard of carpet, or two-third ounces of the inch. The following are satisfactory combinations of colors: an width of stripes, 12 inches, hit or miss; two inches red; two inches red; two gray 12 hit or miss; if the weaver is given the required length of breadth he will do as desired, leave spaces between them of a few inches, woven of chain along which is a neat, durable, and pleasing thing the ends, much better than the old way of raveling out some of the rags and tying the chain.

SOME SEASONABLE RECIPES.

Cups of Cold Meat.—Take two cups of any cold meat, and having chopped fine, mix with a tablespoonful of butter, two of bread crumbs, the yolk of two eggs, a tablespoonful of onion-juice, one of salt, half a grated nutmeg and a little black pepper. Put all together in a frying-pan and stir over the fire until well heated. When cold, form into little balls; these dip first in beaten egg and then in bread crumbs, and fry in boiling fat. Serve with something like Bechamel sauce.

Orange Custard Pudding.—For a pint of new milk, pour in three eggs, lightly beaten and, having mixed in the grated peel of an orange and two ounces of loaf sugar, beat the whole together for ten minutes, then pour into a pie dish, set this into another which is larger and contains a little water, and place the whole in a moderate oven. When the custard is set, which generally occurs in about half an hour, take it out and let it get cold. Then sprinkle over rather thickly some very fine sugar, and brown with a salamander.

Fried Celery.—Cut the stalks into two-inch pieces, dust with salt and pepper, dip in beaten egg, then cracker or bread crumbs, and fry in hot beef dripping. Drain and serve hot.

Snow Balls.—Take half a cupful each of pearl tapioca, rice and sugar, a quart of milk and half a teaspoonful of salt. Mix the tapioca and rice together while dry, then soak them in three cups of water for four hours, having added the salt and milk, and a tiny pinch of soda, let the whole stand together half an hour, whereupon set over the fire in a kettle and let simmer an hour; then fill small cups with the mixture while hot, and when cold put on ice. Turn out in saucers and eat with cream.

Sweet Potato Pudding.—Grate one quart of raw sweet potatoes, mix with three cups of sugar, one of butter, a half one of flour, a quart of milk, four eggs and a tablespoonful of rice, and cook thoroughly. Then pour into a well-greased pudding-dish and bake. Serve with butter sauce.

Strawberry Pudding.—Wash a quart of berries and put them in a small bowl and let them soak over night. Drain and put them on to boil with two quarts of water, fresh, add a pinch of soda and boil until they are almost dry; then press through a sieve, put back in the soup kettle, add two quarts more of water, a tablespoonful of butter, and salt and pepper. Let stand until a fire is allowed, when serve with cream.

Strawberry Pudding.—Wash two pounds of strawberries, wash a pound of sugar, set this in a kettle of water and add a little soda. When the berries are done and the water is strained, add a little thick strip of lemon.

Strawberry Sauce for Puddings.—Use any kind of preserved fruit desired. Drain it, beat to a cream half a cupful of butter and sugar, add a cupful of berries and then a half a cup of sugar. Rub through a sieve, add a cupful of berries and then put them in a pint of whipped cream. Strawberries or raspberries, etc., thus

served, make an excellent sauce.

Boiled Oysters.—Select large, fat oysters. Drain, lay on a board, dry with a soft cloth, and season them with salt and pepper. Boil in a pot of water being hot, lay the oysters over it brown them first on one side and then on the other, place on a heated dish, pour over melted butter and serve them at once.

Corn Cakes.—Put two tablespoonfuls of bread crumbs in half a coffee-cupful of sweet milk, and set on the stove to boil. Having stirred in a little thick and creamy add two ounces of butter and a large tablespoonful of grated cheese, then stir over the fire again for two or three minutes, whereupon take off, add the beaten yolks of two eggs with a little salt, cayenne and a tablespoonful of mustard. Beat, also, the whites of the eggs and add them carefully. Then pour into a greased baking-dish and bake 15 minutes in a hot oven.

Crabapple Pudding.—Take one-half cupful each of flour, sugar and milk, butter the size of a walnut, one-half teaspoonful of soda, a full one of cream tartar and an egg. Having mixed the three, add one cup of flour, stir half a pint of nice, clean cranberries, into the batter as if they were raisins for a plum pudding, and cook till done.

SUGAR-CURED HAM.

A recipe which comes recommended from the south, where hams are in their prime, is as follows:

To a hundred pounds of coarse salt, five of brown sugar, two ounces salt-peter, and half an ounce of soda; boil ingredients in four gallons of water until all are melted, and when the liquid is cold, skim it carefully. Rub the meat on all sides with red pepper, and pour the liquid over it, and allow it to remain covered in a cool place for eight weeks. Then hang it to dry for two or three days, then smoke until dry and brown. The smoke of corn-cobs or green hickory is usually preferred for the purpose. In March, before the flies start, and choosing a windy day, for the work, take the hams down, scald each ham, and place in the wind to dry for half an hour. Then put into bags the up and hang in that position until needed.

INEXPENSIVE FRUIT CAKE.

Cream a cup of butter and a cup of brown sugar; add a cupful of molasses; add two cups of apples chopped fine, two pounds of chopped raisins and one grated nutmeg. Let these ingredients stand three days. Then add a cup of sweet milk, in which a teaspoonful of soda has been dissolved, four eggs and four cups of flour, in which two spoonfuls of cream of tartar have been sifted. Beat the cake very thoroughly, and bake it in a rather slow oven for two hours.

KITCHEN TABLE IMPROVEMENTS.

A piece of furniture which every good housekeeper needs is the kitchen table, with zinc top. Grease cannot penetrate the surface as it would do a wooden table. The surface can be wiped perfectly clean with a damp cloth. Another advantage is the zinc top, which is so much better about the table, preventing dry small objects from rolling off on the floor. These tables are a delight—just what is wanted in the kitchen.

LUCIEN'S TERRIBLE FATE.

The Neuss Woner Tagblatt states that the dungeon in which Lucien, the assassin of the Emperor, is now confined, has no windows, its walls are of cold, generally damp, stone, its floor of stone, its ceiling of stone; and that Lucien will probably pay for his crime by the loss of his eyesight and his reason. Only once a day is he permitted to walk in the prison courtyard for half an hour. He does not even see the attendants who bring him his daily rations at six o'clock every morning and pass him through an opening over the iron door which closes the dungeon.

AN UNANSWERABLE ARGUMENT.

Dr. Oldschell—Well, your humbug homoeopathy has killed another man, I see.

Dr. Newschell—Eh? Killed a man?

Dr. Oldschell—Yes, sir. The man tried to kill me, and I killed him with my little pellets to a member of his family, and he swallowed the cork. Yes, sir. Such a little pellet could not hurt anybody in the allopathic line, but I was big enough to stay out of people's sides. Yes, sir.

WOULDN'T DO FOR HER.

Mother—I don't see why you should object to Mr. Goodness.

Daughter—Never could marry such a man as that. He is a fire and a half, and a good deal of ready-made clothes.

Mother—That is more idiocy.

Daughter—No, it is not. He is a fire and a half, and a good deal of ready-made clothes. He is a fire and a half, and a good deal of ready-made clothes. He is a fire and a half, and a good deal of ready-made clothes.

ASSASSIN'S FAVORITE GAME.

The Czars of Russia have been the favorite game of the assassin. The noblest attacked, Czar Paul in 1801, Alexander II was attacked four times before he was finally killed in 1881 by a bomb thrown by a man, who was himself killed in St. Petersburg. Attempts were also made on the life of the late Czar, Alexander III.

SECRETS OF LIVING LONG.

SAID TO LIE IN THE WILL POWER OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

All people cannot be Metachelski's but a state of age should be favored by everyone. What a London Doctor Says.

If we are to believe certain medical authorities in five hundred years' time the creature man will be a totally different being from what he is now. In fact, according to numerous authorities the world is going to be inhabited by persons who, although tracing their descent from our unworthy selves, will not be men and women as we know them.

Not to mislead matters, the present man is to be abolished. Already one distinguished physician, an anti-clerical presumably, has discovered that in 2000 the earth will be populated by bald-headed, bicycle-humped, apertions without legs; another has made the awful revelation that the coming man will be minus his little toe, because his forebears neglected to employ for that retiring oratorical device.

A third—more daring than his fellows—has given out that instead of children being born into the world the future "infant" will be a grey-boarded fossil with shattered nerves, a head like a golf ball, and a lease of life extending

TO ONLY TWENTY YEARS.

before him—and all because the business people of the nineteenth century lived in a ceaseless whirl of excitement and paid no heed to the principles of health.

Whether the pessimistic predictions are to be realized depends not a little on that very self-sacrificing class of men—the inventors. There are some half-dozen individuals who are under the impression that they have discovered the secret of longevity. One of them is endeavoring to cheat the tombstone maker by living on oatmeal porridge and turnip water in the South of England. As passive as a block of wood, his one idea is to shut his door against worry. He refuses to read the papers for fear of unsettling his emotions, and never goes to London.

No doubt most of these would-be Metachelskis are sad cranks, but, all the same, there is no question that the exciting times in which we live

PREJUDICE OUR CHANCES

of living to a ripe old age. The consequences of living day in and day out in a state of rush and worry are, of course, more apparent in business circles than anywhere else, and the more so because the men of the least themselves are decidedly puritan.

Hearing that there was a gentleman in London who makes a specialty of writing to his friends and longevity as well, the writer took upon himself the liberty of calling upon him.

"Let me tell you first of all," observed the doctor, "that I am not so much a devotee of the human system as to make it absolutely impregnable to the assault of disease."

"What means that we can live for ever?"

"Not necessarily, but the majority of mankind die very much sooner than they ought to do, and the reason is that man should be able to live until he is 120. It is quite usual for people in Hindostan to live to 100."

LONG PAST A HUNDRED.

And if they do this why can't we? As for myself I put my patients in such condition that if they only act up to my formula, they won't contract disease. My opinion is that "How long are you going to live yourself, may I enquire?"

"I think I shall be 130. There is no cause for death if the balance of forces can be maintained."

"You treat business men, I believe?"

"Yes, I have made a special study of all the ailments that city men are heir to, and most peculiar they are. Scores of rich men come in here, troubled by indigestion, by the rheumatism, and competition of business. And really I don't wonder at it. Apart from the stress of life we exist on an artificial system. Why the trade in pick-morons in the city has grown to enormous proportions. There are men who have a stroke of apoplexy, and they have taken a brandy and soda. Indeed, they have become so accustomed to stimulate themselves, both with brandy and drugs, that they can't dispense with them."

"And you put them on their legs again?"

"What I do is to inculcate the secret of self-control. Half the business men who go out of their minds do so because they are unable to control themselves. They haven't the will. They are the slaves of their emotions. My point is to control them. By the expenditure of force."

IS AT THE ROOT OF ALL DISEASE.

Give your emotions unlimited play—as nearly everybody does nowadays—and I believe you will find that to such a degree that in the course of time you are fit for nothing. To be in good health and attain old age you must know how to live a natural, calm, and collected life.

"One of the principal complaints of the day is loss of memory. Some of my patients have so overtaxed their brains that they can't trust themselves to remember a name, or a date, or a day. A patient came to consult me half an hour after I had washed him good-bye. I was surprised to see him back again. It appeared that he had gone to the railway station and forgotten the name of the place in which he lived. He asked me to write it down for him."

"The basis of my treatment," the doctor continued, "is to make the patient's mind calm, and to give him—so sound that he has absolute control of himself."

THE SECRET OF LIFE IS WILL POWER.

If you have will you can do almost

anything. There is a case on record of an Italian gentleman who, at forty years of age, was at death's door. He suddenly exerted himself and declared that he would live. He succeeded, and died at 103."

You should, like an ounce or two of your should.

"It would take too long to go into details, but I may say that I attach enormous importance to music, colour and bath. I order these things to my patients, like other doctors order drugs. For example, if a patient is suffering from melancholia, I give him stirring music. As regards colour, it is not that I have been unable to have their windows made of coloured glass. Colour has the same effect on the constitution as music. My advice to a person who requires stimulating is to put red, orange and yellow panes into the window of his sitting room. To those who need soothing I recommend green violet or indigo."

"By the way, resorting to loss of memory," my informant added, "I know a lady who, fifteen years ago, suddenly lost all recollection of her youth. Extraordinary to relate, her memory is now returning gradually. Freaks of memory, it may be added, puzzle the doctors more than any other mental peculiarity. Some time ago an attorney contracted a fever, and, when he recovered, he was unable to remember his alphabet, and it was impossible to persuade him that he had ever written a line in his life."

INFANTA MARIA TERESA.

SOMETHING ABOUT THE DOOMED SPANISH BATTLESHIP.

Had a Spanish Regatta With Tragical End and Perhaps Unparalleled by any Modern Vessel.

The Infanta Maria Teresa has had the most checkered and the most extraordinary career of any battleship afloat, says the London Daily Mail. After undergoing many vicissitudes, she has finally led to international negotiations, between England and America, by going ashore on Cat Island, one of the Bahama group.

This is English territory, and the home Government is disposed to look upon the Maria Teresa as coming under the regulations which govern derelicts. The United States, however, are usually disinclined to relinquish a prize of war, and have caused them so much trouble and expense.

The whole story is a remarkable one, and it is probably without precedent that a battleship after being captured by one power should finally become stranded on the territory of another.

Another curious point in the story, and one not without its pathetic side, from Maria's point of view, is that the Maria Teresa, one of her first battleships, should go ashore on an island where, as a result of her capture, she was to be broken up. The vessel, which ended in the discovery of the vast continent whence sprang Spain's bitterest enemies.

SHE WAS THE FLAGSHIP.

The Infanta Maria Teresa was the flagship of Admiral Cervera when that brave officer made his plucky dash for freedom in the very teeth of the American guns.

Destruction, quick and sure, overtook the fleeing ship. The United States guns thundered at her as the pursuers gradually overtook their quarry.

Prefering that the sea rather than his enemies should have his ship, Admiral Cervera deliberately headed her nose for shore. The noise of the impact as she struck the rock rose above the crash of cannon. Shell still poured remorselessly into the doomed ship.

Then fiery snakes were seen creeping up her masts. The hiss of flames added their note to the inferno. The brave Spaniards face to face with death in so many guises, met their fate unflinchingly. They died like heroes. Subsequently the Maria Teresa slid back into deep water, and disappeared from the sight of man.

Commander P. B. Hobson, the hero of the Marlinas was, some time later, deputized by the United States Government to raise the Maria Teresa. Success attended its efforts, and the young hero of the storm, and the great engineering feat.

THE RAISING OF THE MARIA TERESA.

It was a more difficult undertaking than the sinking of the Merrimack. First of all, the wreck of the ship was placed upon the sunken ship and fastened to what was serviceable for the purpose. Some of the logs were immersed so that the ship could turn one way or the other. Two large spars were connected by chains, and along these two spars were also arranged.

Finally, when all the preparations had been made, air was pumped into the bags, and the ship was slowly raised to the surface. The ship was then towed to Guantanamo, where she was patched up, and all seemed to be going well.

But the ship was not so lucky. The defective ship began to leak alarmingly. At last Hobson had reluctantly to abandon her.

The raising of the Infanta Maria Teresa following her abandonment would no doubt make curious reading to tell of her wanderings.

She had been given up as lost, when to everybody's surprise she turned up one day at Cat Island, where she rolled heavily into shore, becoming wedged between two reefs. The natives, in a moment of good fortune, saw the temporary deck, and seized everything valuable.

The Secretary of the United States Navy, hearing of this, has now ordered the immediate despatch of the wrecking tug Potomac, which will take charge of her.

ROUND THE WHOLE WORLD.

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE GLOBE.

Old and New World Events of Interest Chronologically Briefly-Interesting Happenings of Recent Date.

A letter travels from Khartoum to London in 17 days.

The entire Afridi-Jirgahs have accepted the terms of the Indian Government.

It is almost 700 years since a Christian emperor or king set foot in Jerusalem.

A firm of cycle manufacturers in Paris are perfecting what they call a gas bicycle.

Efforts are being made for the combination of the leading colliery firms of Lancashire.

The wealth of Great Britain and Ireland by recent estimate is placed at £1,836,000,000.

In 1852 an eccentric mine named James Camden Neild left £250,000 to Queen Victoria.

Some of the sheep farms of Australia are said to be as large as the whole of England.

Mr. Chamberlain's collection of modern pictures is said to be one of the finest in England.

The Bay of Bengal is the greatest bay on earth. It covers an extent of 420,000 square miles.

Sir Lord Kitchener, of Khartoum, is the title the conqueror of the Sudan, and is called the "Sirdar."

The final intention of the remains of the late Prince Bismarck took place in Hamburg, on Nov. 29th.

Sunday passenger traffic on the new Murghab Railway, from Mery to Sary, is reported recently.

Two letters of Mary Queen of Scots, written just previous to her execution, cost an English collector £4,000.

Twenty American marines with one galling gun, recently arrived at the United States Legation at Fik.

In recognition of his brilliant and successful year of office, the Lord Mayor of London will receive a baronetcy.

It is estimated that 56,000 umbrellas are lost on British railways every year. Next to umbrellas, gloves are most frequently lost.

There were 26,000 applicants for tickets to the recent London banquet in this respect were nearly 400.

The Lord Mayor of London recently laid the foundation stone of the new mission buildings in connection with St. Mark's church, Dalston.

There are 256 railway stations within a six-mile radius of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, whilst within a 12-mile radius there are nearly 400.

The Government of India have asked for ten more temporary doctors for plague duty or general duty in Madras; four candidates have already been appointed.

The police stations of London, England, are not connected by telegraph, and an energetic newspaper crusade is being carried on to secure that improvement.

It is said that a letter of welcome and congratulation from Queen Victoria in her own handwriting was given to General Kitchener on his arrival in Egypt.

The House Secretary of the British mine owners has appointed a committee to enquire into the grievances alleged to exist in connection with compulsory shop clubs.

Coal is cheaper in China than in any part of the world. It is dearest in South Africa. Ireland contains plenty of unworked coal, but it has never been turned to account.

In the Dublin Police Court recently a fine of £15 was imposed upon the proprietors of the Theatre Royal there for breach of regulations respecting the management of the theatre.

Captain Nichols, chief constable of Newcastle-on-Tyne, Eng., was recently requested by the City Council for his resignation on account of unnecessary harsh treatment of the force under him.

The University authorities at Oxford have decided that individuals attending to take degrees are not to present themselves in brown boots, these peculiar articles of attire being absolutely prohibited.

A successful burglary was recently committed at Marylebone parish church, England. The contents of the poor box, £11, were extracted and a stained-glass window, valued at £25, was taken.

The Falmouth ratepayers have rejected, by a majority of 865 to a poll, the proposal of the corporation to purchase the gas and water works from the Falmouth Corporation. The scheme involved a purchase price of over £100,000.

Owing to an outbreak of plague at Jeddah, English correspondence will not be forwarded there. The newspapers complain of the official stupidity that does not merely forbid correspondence from the district, but forbids it to be sent to the district.

When General Kitchener was elevated to the peerage the French papers mockingly asserted that he was now entitled to enjoy the privilege of being hanged with a silver cord instead of the gallows rope reserved for the common people.

Sir James Brampton, Admiral Sir Jas. Erskine, and the Earl of Westmorland, two months ago left England to conduct an enquiry into the Newfoundland fishery question, as between the United States and the British.

Any little difficulties which have arisen between this country and the United States in connection with the Maria Teresa, no doubt, he will be able to settle.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A Few Paragraphs Which Will Prove Worth Reading.

Baby carriages propelled by electricity are in use in Paris.

There is the business of the idle, but the idleness of the busy.

If it be not seemly, do it not; if it be not true, speak it out.

One is alone in a crowd when one suffers, or when one loves.

The heart of a woman never grows old; when it has ceased to love, it has ceased to live.

A man may be good by chance; but never wise or great without taking pains for it.

It is extremely unhealthy to sleep in a small room where there is a burning gas jet. One gas light gives out as much carbonic acid gas as two human beings.

A floral weather prophet is found in the marigold. When the day is to continue fine, the flower opens about 3 or 4 o'clock; but when wet weather is near, the marigold does not open at all.

The punishment for cruelty depends to some extent upon locality. In New Orleans a man who had beaten his wife was fined \$25; in Boston a man who had beaten his wife was let off with a whipping.

Mrs. Cora Hennrich, who was chief of the women detectives at the World's Fair, Chicago, is to be honored with a similar position at the Paris Exposition in 1889. She will have one hundred female assistants.

An extremely useful clock has been invented by Thomas W. Hunt, of Macclesfield, Cheshire. At any moment at which the alarm is set—say at 5 A.M.—it arouses the sleeper, lights a candle and kindles a fire in the range.

Two athletic young men in Passaic, N.J., fought a duel with pillows. It lasted thirty-seven minutes, when a vigorous struggle across the neck with the five-pound pillow floored one of the contestants, and for five minutes he lay senseless.

Unarmed camps are not the docile creatures they are taught to become by the breaking of breaking. The wild state they are extremely vicious, and can kick harder, higher, swifter and oftener than a mule, and sometimes seem to use all four feet at once.

Ira T. O'Brien is a learned blacksmith, of Rome, Ga. He speaks French, German, Italian, Spanish and Greek, and can read several other languages. His linguistic attainments have been picked up during intervals between the blows of his anvil.

A society for the education of cats has been organized in Pittsburgh. The president of this society declares: "We feel assured that under our process of culture may hidden and unsuspected good qualities in the nature of the cat be brought to the surface."

In Bermuda the roll often produces four crops of vegetables in a year. Captain Greene notes the case of one farmer there who last year planted an acre in tomatoes, and derived therefrom a revenue of \$1,540, while another acre, devoted to the culture of lilacs, yielded \$1,500.

The savings of years, amounting to \$15,000 were put in a tin box, and buried in an out-house, by Joseph Storch, of Stevens Point, Wis.

While he was absent from home some one had been robbing, and carefully reburied the empty box. The treasure consisted of \$600 in cash and the remainder in securities.

A horse belonging to Charles Winter, of Monticello, N.Y., wandered close to a beehive and a bee stung him. In his efforts to dislodge the insect, the animal overturned the beehive. The angry bees swarmed upon him, stinging him on all parts of the body, and he was taken to the hospital, swollen almost beyond recognition.

The mourners at a funeral in Sligo, Ireland, had just brought the body into the cemetery when it was discovered that the coffin was so long the grave had to be enlarged. "Your husband must have been a very tall man," said the officiating clergyman. "Oh, no," responded the widow, "but he expressed a wish to be buried with his silk edging on his coat."

A guest at a Vienna hotel where he had stopped for weeks, gave a gratuity of six florins to his head porter. The latter added ten, and looked up at the guest with a beguiling smile. The guest was a beguiling smile.

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Two-cent Postage.

By proclamation in the Canada Gazette of Saturday the two-cent postage rate came into effect on the 1st of January. It was expected that after the two-cent rate had been adopted on letters posted to Great Britain and nearly all the British colonies, that the three-cent rate could not long be maintained in Canada. The Government at the last session of Parliament secured the passage of an act authorizing them to reduce the rate to two cents whenever they deemed it advisable to do so, and have chosen the beginning of 1899 as an appropriate time. Letters can now be sent not only throughout Canada but to the United States, Great Britain and nearly all British dependencies for the small sum of two cents.

Another change has also been made by negotiations with the U. S. postal authorities which secures the free interchange of private postal cards from one country to the other.

The Municipal Elections.

The municipal election in this village on Monday last was a hotly contested one, and during the whole day several of the candidates had teams busy bringing voters to the poll. In consequence nearly, if not quite, all the available vote was polled. The result was as follows:—

FOR REBURY.

Thos. H. McKee	180
H. S. Ferguson	193

FOR COUNCILLORS.

Chas. E. Parker	144
L. Meiklejohn	120
J. E. Halliwell	109
W. H. Calder	101
Wm. Holden	101
G. L. Scott	98
John Conley	80

There was a dispute over the number of votes cast for Calder and Holden, some declaring that Holden had a majority of one, and others that there was a majority of one for Mr. Calder. Accordingly an inspection of ballots has been asked for to settle the matter. The result will probably be known this evening or to-morrow.

School Trustees

The school trustees election was also a hotly contested one, and resulted as follows:—

Dr. Strague	150
Dr. Meiklejohn	143
T. D. Ward	142
Jas. Boldrick	134

This makes a change on the Board. Dr. Meiklejohn taking the place of Mr. Boldrick. Dr. Meiklejohn will no doubt make a good trustee, though Mr. Boldrick has served on the Board for many years faithfully and well, and many regret that he was not re-elected for another term.

Progress of Agriculture in Ontario.

The great advances that are being made in Agriculture in Ontario are well set forth in the latest bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture at Toronto, and the details of the work of the past year are exceptionally interesting. One of the recent departures is shown in the appearance of tobacco in the list of farm products. There were 7,871 acres planted with tobacco during the past year, and the output reached 10,560,550 pounds, of which Essex County produced 7,095,970 and Kent County 1,932,120 pounds. The area devoted to pasturage was 2,708,048 acres, and to orchard and garden 885,420 acres. The Province had 6,221,384 bearing apple trees and 5,435,820 young apple trees planted in orchards. The fall wheat area was 1,123 acres, the first time that the million mark has been reached, and the product is recorded at 25,158,718 bushels, or 24 to the acre. The record in spring wheat was 579,235 acres, yielding 6,678,785 bushels, a little over the average, although this is less than the average yield for the past sixteen years, it is the greatest since the phenomenal records of 1891 and 1892. Barley has been fully up to the average of recent years with 438,784 acres under crop, yielding 29,9 bushels to the acre, a total of 12,633,688 bushels. The average for oats has been 36.6 bushels to the acre, the 2,376,390 acres cultivated yielding 89,858,293 bushels. The rye crop shows a decrease in area and in the average and total yield compared with the average for the past year, but the totals are greater than the average of the past sixteen years. There were 165,089 acres under crop, yielding 2,678,284 bushels, or 16 to the acre. Peas were an average crop, the 955,031 acres yielding 15,521,293 bushels. Wheat was not abundant, the average recorded was 15.8 bushels per acre, 150,394 acres under crop yielding 2,378,615 bushels. With the exception of potatoes, which fell from 16,100,797 bushels in 1897 to 14,356,025 bushels in 1898, the past year's crops have been a full average crop. Minnesota gave an aggregate crop of 21,367,095 bushels on 47,923 acres, and carrots 4,319,971 bushels on 12,418 acres. The total yield of turnips was 4,727,582 bushels on 151,691 acres. There were 830,748 acres planted with corn for silage, and yielding 23,452,593 bushels in the ear. The crop of hay and clover was 4,890,938 tons, the greatest previous record being 3,941,018 tons in 1897. The area was about the average, 2,459,938 acres. There were 189,918 acres planted with corn for fodder and silage, and the yield was 21,299,078 tons.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the News-Argus.

At a regular meeting held by the trustees of the United High and Public School Boards on the 3rd inst., it was moved and seconded that this School Board deeply regrets the loss the Board has sustained by his non-re-election. Mr. Boldrick has been a member of the School Board for 33 years, and has never failed during this long period to do his duty; he has ever been a warm advocate of education; and has always fearlessly expressed his opinion on any topic brought before the Board. He has done much toward bringing our schools to the high standard they have attained. Our High School, as shown by results of recent examinations, under Mr. Carstairs, the principal, ably seconded by his genial assistant, Mr. Kennedy, has done excellent work, ranking in the foremost place of the educational institutions of its kind in Ontario. In the Public School, so ably governed by the Principal, Mr. David Sager, that brilliant disciple of Isaac Walton and of Nimrod, who has held the position for 10 years, Dave has not only proved himself the friend and teacher of the children, but the friend of all the community. In Mr. Boldrick's defeat the Board loses not merely one of its oldest members, but one of its most careful managers, and of its most regular attendants.

Founding an Empire.

It is not 200 years since Russia changed from a barbarian power to one of civilization. Russia was then a wild, unsettled by wandering tribes, utterly lacking cohesion. They had no commerce, no manufactures, but the rudest, and no softening intercourse with other nations. Peter the Great, a boy of 17, came to the throne at this time. Although wholly uneducated, and encouraged in drunkenness and other vices by his sister, who had usurped his throne, he resolved to learn the secret of the progress of Europe. First educating himself, he began the movement that has made Russia today a world power, and although he died but fifty-three years, during that time he accomplished more for the development of a nation than any man had ever done before. He perfected his armies, taught them European methods of discipline, and with these armies extended his frontiers. Then he determined that Russia should be a naval power, and himself went to Amsterdam and Deptford, where as Peter Zimmermann, he learned the trade of a ship carpenter. He picked up blacksmithing, enough of cobbling to make a pair of shoes, and of surgery to bleed and pull teeth. Upon his return from his visit to the civilized world, Peter began his empire. A formidable navy was constructed. Then he built St. Petersburg, as Moscow was remote from European influences. St. Petersburg was built so that as "from a window he could look out upon Western Europe." His subjects were forced to give up their long beards and flowing Asiatic robes. The power of the nobles was lessened. Religious toleration was granted. Arithmetic was introduced into the Government offices, where previously accounts had been kept by a system of balls threaded on wire. He introduced silk and woollen manufactures, the art of printing, and made roads and canals. He established a postal service, began to develop the vast mineral wealth of the country, and founded hospitals and medical schools.

Over all these reforms he took personal supervision; for among all crafts he had some knowledge of each, which he had gained while in England and Holland.

The population of India increases at the rate of 9,000,000 annually.

A by-law in favor of a Sunday street car service in Ottawa was carried by a majority of 1,600.

There were twenty-seven aldermanic candidates in the field in Belleville. Only ten could be elected.

The Queen of Belgium has obtained promises from all the European powers to stop the wearing of imitation embroidery on the ladies of the courts. The Belgian lace embroiderers are elated over this.

Within a mile from Congleton on the high road from Macclesfield, in England, there is a deserted village consisting of a few houses, not one of which is tenanted. Havannah is its name.

Because Miss May Thomas, a village school teacher, of Clare, Iowa, refused the attentions paid her by a young man named Harry Garvey, they are both dead. Garvey shot the girl and then took his own life.

Some Bargains in Overcoats.

The big Christmas trade is over, and we will all settle down now to more of a regular trade again. At the Oak Hall, Belleville, we are selling half price the old overcoats and broken sizes, and will offer you special inducements to clear old sizes. Come in and look them over.

Very Fine Overcoats.

You have a chance to get an extra fine heavy overcoat, single or double breasted, at a genuine snap. We have at the Oak Hall, Belleville, we are selling half price the old overcoats and broken sizes, and will offer you special inducements to clear old sizes. Come in and look them over.

Wood Wanted.

Tenders will be received from parties willing to supply 30 cords of Yellow Pine, 4 foot long, to be delivered on the 1st of March next.

JOHN S. BLACK,

Stirling, Jan. 4, 1899.

Secretary.

Wood For Sale.

By the acre, on the south part of lot 10 in the 7th Con. of Sidney, three and one-half miles from Stirling. For price and further particulars apply to

R. N. BIRD.

AN "OUT-OF-DATE" COUPLE.

We are "out of date," they say—

We live in an old-fashioned way.

Long since gone by.

He says it is his business to live

In everything;

And I—well, I will own to you

He is my king.

We met in no romantic way

Till "glow and gloom"

He wooed me on a winter day.

And in a twinkling

Yet, through life's hours of stress and storm

Love kept our small home corner warm.

And all was well.

Not think a woman like his wife—

But let that pass.

Perhaps we view the dual life

Through roseate glasses.

We hold it true

That heaven's roses may grow light

When shared by two.

Upon a beguiled scroll of fate,

Embossed fair,

I cannot hope to read the name

I proudly bear;

But happy in their own way

They are glad to be;

We are behind the times, we know—

Not and I.

—E. MATHIAS, in Chambers' Journal.

RAN ON THE SIDING.

"Railroadin' in the south ain't what it used to be," said the engineer, wiping his hands upon a bunch of waste and taking a piece of tobacco from his overalls pocket. "We used to be good old days when we had wood-burnin' engines, easy scheduled with long stops and no telegraph to bedevil us. We could run pretty much to suit ourselves then, and it goes without sayin' we had lots of enjoyment."

"Take for instance, the fan Jim Larkin and me had one night about fifteen years ago. You see, Jim and me were both courtin' the same girl, both being engineers on the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta road between Columbia and Charlotte. Ever been down there? Well, even yet he real good as good as it might be, but in them days it was a right way. The tracks were laid with the old-fashioned U rail on ties five feet apart and spliced with fish plates. When the wheels struck one end of the rail the other end tilted up, and I tell you it made a nervous man, scashin' the first time he traveled over that line. We had no telegraph wire, and so could do pretty much as we pleased around Columbia, the superintendent bein' located at Charlotte. Many a time we used to get an engine out of order dark and raise Cain in the neighborhood. The only trouble was that as the engines were old and rickety they couldn't stand much. They were wood-burners, and nowadays would look too heavy with their little boilers and big stacks. When one of them got a good move over the track, I tell you it looked like a runaway. I remember the first stack throwin' out sparks and chunks of blazin' wood like a volcano.

"Old man Smith, that's Mollie's father, didn't like me near as well as he did Jim, but seen that Mollie preferred me I wasn't no use no more for her dad's opinion. It was in the summer of '87, I remember, in Columbia, for everybody knew that her father had ordered her not to be seen with me; so the only thing for me to do was to watch our chance and go off on the quiet to some place along the line. I thought it over for several days and got the whole thing in shape. I told Mollie to come down to the round-house about seven o'clock one night and I would take her for a little ride on my engine. She afraid? Well, I guess you don't know her. Why, she had run the machine herself many a time.

"I had given the hint to Jack, my fireman, and he was on hand when I looked out on the main track, leavin' Jim's engine in the round-house. Mollie was awaitin', and she jumped on the tank, like an engineer's sweetest ought to do. Just as we were pullin' out Jim came around the corner. His eyes opened, I tell you.

"Where are ye goin', Billy? he shouted. "Just out for a little ride," I remarked, coolly, puttin' Mollie up on the box in front of me, so I had to put my arms around her to reach the levers. I saw Jim grip and start on a run for toward Mollie's house, where he knew her father was.

"In two minutes we were spittin', in three hummin', and in five minutes we were tearin' through the valley like a cyclone. It was a pitch-dark night, and not a thing could be seen ahead.

"There they come," yelled Jack, before we had gone ten miles.

"Lookin' back we saw a shower of sparks just visible above the tree tops. We concluded at once that was Jim and Mollie's close, and we were to do some pretty tall travelin' to avoid capture. Mind you, Jim carried a gun. The engine were pretty well matched, but, of course, I was somewhat nervous. Just ahead was a heavy grade five miles long, and I knew it would be a tough pull to get over it, but there was no other side of the hill our chances for gettin' away would be good."

"Do your best, Jack, to keep up steam," I called across to the fireman.

"Mollie was restin' in my arms as quietly as if it was the calmest of the fairies, so I was in her hair, her lips and her eyes, and the wind blowin' her hair all over my face. Mighty sweet it smelled, too, but I hadn't much time to think about such things then."

"All of a sudden we heard a whistle and it sounded right behind us. I jumped up with dismay and looked back. There was Jim less than half a mile away, comin' like a house afire. Mollie looked, too, and their eyes fell on Jack, whose wood was gettin' low, and who, for the first time out from the back part of the tank and was tryin' to bust the head in. She slid out of my arms, and holdin' onto the levers, got down beside the fireman. The first time I knew our case was in I saw her fishin' out big fat hams from the barrel and passin' them to Jack, who was feedin' the furnace with 'em. 'Dilly for you, Jack,' I yelled, as the steam geyser jumped up again.

"That did the business. We reached the top of the grade without Jim's gunnin' another load, and then we began to slide downward. Great Jupiter, how we did drop down that hill. The noise

was terrific and the old machine rocked like a caddy. 'Lookin' back, I saw Mollie on the tank holdin' on by the brake, her dress flutterin', her hair blowin' and her eyes shinin' like stars. I'll never forget that sight.

"We knew that when as Jim reached the top of the hill he'd have our rickety split, and I began to fear we couldn't make the strike this time, but all at once a thought struck me. I shut off steam and yelled to Jack to put on the hand brake.

"He jumped to the wheel, Mollie helpin' him, and in a few minutes we had nearly stopped.

"Jump down quick, Jack, and open the throttle," I said, "I'm goin' to run up the back siding."

"In less time than it takes to tell it we were on the siding, the switch rest for the main track, and then I ran up in the woods and stopped. We shut off all lights and waited.

"In a minute or two we heard a faint rumble, which changed into a roar, then we could distinguish the clackety-clack of the wheels over the rails by the rattle of machinery and the hissin' of steam, while the puffin' of the exhaust was so rapid as to blend into hollow thunder. A whirlpool of sparks became visible, and with a hop, skip and a jump, Jim's engine passed us like a streak of runaway lightning, the occupants never dreamin' we were in the siding."

"We hunted up the nearest preacher and got married; me, with my face all black and grimy, and Mollie without any hat, for the wind had blown it away. Jack was witness, and let him kiss the bride, for I thought he deserved it. We got back to Columbia about midnight, and next mornin' I took out the express as if nothin' had happened.

"What became of Jim? Why, the blame fool actually run right straight ahead all night, till he reached Charlotte the next mornin'." He was the worst surprised man in the state when he found we had given him the slip. Then the superintendent wanted to know what he was by takin' on his engine without orders, and the end of it all was that Jim not only lost his girl, but got suspended as well."—Philadelphia Times.

HUNTING PYTHONS IN NATAL.

The Natives Burn the Forest and Drive the Reptiles in a Newly Dug Pit.

The colony of Natal, South Africa, abounds in boa constrictors and pythons. While they do not attack men they are especially destructive of cattle, sheep and oxen, and for this reason parties are formed by hunters to burn the bush and forest in order to exterminate the pests.

Some of the soldiers at Pietermaritzburg were recently informed by a party of neighboring Zulus of the whereabouts of a huge python that had been destroying their cattle. The soldiers, with 500 natives, started off to capture the snake, and having located it, the forest was fired for about a mile roundabout, an enormous pit having been previously dug in towards the centre of the inclosed space. What with the burning brush and the shouts of the excited Zulus they soon drove the reptile towards the pit, where, closing in upon him, they forced him into it. The python proved to be one of enormous size, being thirty-two feet long and forty-one inches in circumference. It appeared to be quite stupid or dazed, having just eaten a young ox that had been let into the inclosure.

An enormous cage with iron bars half way down the front having been constructed the snake was got out of the pit and taken into Maritzburg in the cage. Here it is kept on exhibition at the barracks, and is fed twice a week, two Kafirs each at each meal. It will not eat anything that has been already killed for it, preferring to kill its food itself. The goats are thrust through a small door at the end of the cage alive, when, fixing its great eyes upon them, the snake suddenly lunges forward and crushes them in its powerful coils. After the soldiers, who were thick almost as an inch thick, before swallowing, it flattens them out by squeezing them, and then devours them almost at a gulp. After this the python goes to sleep and does not wake until it is time to feed again.

A gentleman in Maritzburg owns a python that has been confined in a cage for over thirteen months. During this period the snake has not eaten a mouthful of food of any kind, although every conceivable device of likely snake diet, such as frogs, blin, rats and men, has been set to tempt its appetite. It fast seems not to be broken and the over has at last abandoned the idea of coaxing the colly prisoner with food. It drinks a very small quantity of water. In a dormant state this fasting would be better understood, for in this state reptiles of this description have been known to exist for periods of eighteen months, or even three years.

The Iron Duke as a Sepoy General.

A hitherto unpublished letter of the Duke of Wellington was read at the speech day of King William's college, Isle of Man, on Wednesday. The letter was written to Col. Wilke, one of the officers of St. Helena, when Napoleon was there, and it contained the following interesting reference to the duke's greatest battle:

"They used to call me the Sepoy general, as I was the only one of the Duke of Wellington who was not a native of England, and where to place men who were not so satisfactory. I had troops with me at Waterloo in whose hands the safety of the honor of the king and country could well be placed. I had numbers of others, some of whom I could not trust at all; some I could barely trust; and others who were not properly trained. It was owing to the fact of having learned in the Sepoy wars to pick the best of the men in the parts of the field where the greatest courage and bravery were required, and others where those qualities were not required, that I won the battle of Waterloo."—Westminster Gazette.

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CANADA.

The Quebec Ice bridge has formed. Hull, Que., will now control a civil lighting plant.

At Montreal the sale of inter-imperial postage stamps has been enormous.

J. Lewis, fireman in the Brandon fire department, has been appointed chief.

It is reported from Winnipeg that the Galician murderer, Simon Cruby, is dying of grief.

Edward Hardy, out of work, discouraged, attempted suicide with a razor in Hamilton. He will live.

Mrs. Eliza Farrer, a Catholic, while visiting relatives in Hamilton, fell and broke her neck.

The estate of the late Robert Hamilton of Quebec pays \$55,000 in succession duties to the Province.

F. X. Choquette, Q. C., Montreal, has been appointed judge magistrate of Montreal, succeeding Judge Dugas.

The report that ex-Mayor A. D. Stewart of Quebec had been elected to the Klondike seems to be authentic.

Lord Strathcona has ordered a new organ for St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Montreal, as a Christmas gift.

Charles Stevens, a London hotel-keeper, paid a fine of \$33 for neglecting to unchain his bar-room window at night.

The returns from the recent shipment of fattened poultry to England show that it was highly profitable and successful.

Four Hamilton shoe dealers were fined \$5 cents each for breaking the 7 o'clock closing by-law on the evening of December 23.

Three Italian brothers named Cubelli have been sentenced at Montreal to three years in the penitentiary for counterfeiting.

Prof. E. Stone Wiggins announces that he has gone out of business as a weather prophet, owing to the lack of popular approval.

A delegation of the civil servants waited on the Premier and Hon. Mr. Fielding at Ottawa to urge the restoration of the statutory increases in their pay.

The Militia Department has decided to recall the issue of Snider rifles given to Public School and cadet corps, and to replace them with the Martini-Henry.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce has advised the Dominion Government that it is sending officers to establish a branch of the bank in the Atlin Lake district.

John Henderson, a convict at Kingston Penitentiary, serving a fifteen-year sentence for the murder of Constable Hildbury, near Toronto, has been caught attempting to escape.

The Department of Trade and Commerce have received notice that the bullion and dross may be imported into the United States and refined in bond, subject to a duty of 2-1/2 cents per pound gross, and an increase over last year of over \$3,000,000 tons, and the highest on record.

Solicitors for the Bank of Ottawa have issued a writ against the Ontario Central Railway Company, claiming \$886,759.78, the amount due as interest upon certain coupons to debenture bonds issued by the company.

The Mounted Police are sending a patrol to Red Deer country. Settlers report that the Blackfeet are killing cattle. The Indians are short of meat, as the antelope have not come south, owing to the mild winter.

Arrangements have been made by the immigration branch of the Interior Department to send the club by a coast Portage to the Prairie to Great Britain to conduct a movement for the emigration of servant girls to western Canada.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Sheffield, Eng., has made a profit of \$11,000 during the past half year in running its own street cars.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells was flooded out of his palace at Bath recently by an overflow of water from the old moat.

A case of bubonic plague is reported to have been discovered on board the steamer Colocada at Plymouth, from Calcutta.

John Schneider is to be hanged in London, Eng., for the murder of Conrad Berni, whose head was killed with an axe and buried in an oven.

England's oldest royalist, Jonas Miles, is dead at the age of 93 years. He served as postman to George III, George IV, William IV, and Victoria.

Emperor William has sent a gold watch to the Lord Mayor of London, who saved Count Valley from an assassin outside the German Embassy in London.

Mrs. Saunders, who was the claimant for the sum of \$20,000 left by an uncle named Leake, who died intestate in America, died recently at Portsmouth, Wales.

Ricciotti Garibaldi, who speaks English well, was the guest of honor at a club dinner of the National Liberal Club, and started the club by a toast he proposed. "And now, gentlemen," he said, "I drink to the health of Mrs. Grady, that is to say, the great public opinion of England."

Ireland's telegraph department recently proposed that it could manage an Irish festival at Letterkenny County Council, in the native tongue

and receiving them at Dublin, so that they could be printed in Gaelic characters in the Freeman's Journal.

The naval authorities have been officially notified of the intention of France to replace her obsolete war vessels engaged in the fishery protective service on the Newfoundland coast.

Great Britain will also put out of commission the obsolete gunboats Pelican, Buzzard and modern cruisers. Buzard and Pelican will be substituted for these vessels of sufficient power to cope with the Frenchmen.

UNITED STATES.

It is reported that the big wire trust has purchased the Cleveland Rolling Mill Trust.

Mrs. J. Weller was burned to death by the explosion of turpentine at Omaha, Nebraska.

Burglars entered a New Jersey jail and robbed the sleeping Sheriff, George Littreer, of \$500.

Admiral Dewey is now the senior officer of the American navy, owing to the retirement of Admiral Root.

Police riders arrested peddlers in Louisville, Ky., arrested operators and bettors, and carried away \$18,000.

K. F. Bailey, cashier of the National Bank at Colerick, N.H., is under arrest charged with stealing \$60,000.

Senator Justin S. Morrill, author of the Morrill Tariff Act, of 1861, is dead at Washington. He had been in Congress 44 years.

A report from Wichita, Kan., says an old soldier, thought to have died remained buried two days, and when removed was found living.

Joseph Churchill, aged 80, and his wife, aged 72, are in the Divorce Court at Juncosville, Wis. They were married 50 years.

Inspectors of the Board of Health have confiscated 1,500 pounds of horse flesh at the depot of the American Express Company.

Edward J. O'Leary, the Irish agitator, arrested in England a year ago on a charge of conspiracy, has filed a petition in bankruptcy in New York.

A. J. McQuinn, a Canadian, was used at the elections held in several Manitoba municipalities with good success.

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Part of the Red Rock mountain in Switzerland has fallen into the village of Airolo, destroying a hotel and several houses.

Owing to the revolt against Turkey in Yemen, Arabia, a serious situation exists, and Turkish troops have been sent against them.

The Congress of Miners, held at Clerferris, has decided to prepare for a general strike, according to a despatch from Brussels.

It is reported from Cairo that the Assassins' flag has been hoisted at Ghabat in the Sudan, about 200 miles north of Khartoum.

The will of the late Baron Rothschild leaves the estate in possession of the family. Lord Rosebery has bequeathed several valuable pictures.

Belgrade's Slovak Dohod has suspended publication for a time, as the fifteenth editor it has had in two years has joined his fifteen predecessors in goal.

It is alleged that the Spanish Republic is torturing Carlist prisoners to force them to swear allegiance to King Alfonso and to reveal Carlist secrets.

King William proposes to spend \$12,000,000 in embellishing the Imperial capital. Part of the neighbouring river is to be made a magnificent avenue.

Galileo's manuscript of the treatise "On the Earth and Flood of the Sea," written in 1610, has been discovered in the Vatican library by Father Luzzi, the sub-librarian.

The first woman to receive the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Berlin University is Miss Elsa Neumann, who recently passed a most successful examination.

The Berlin University has a larger attendance of students this year than any other year in its history. The number of undergraduates is 6,151, nearly 500 more than last year.

The oldest priest in the Catholic Church is Cardinal Morini, who is now in his ninety-fifth year, and so active and energetic that he bids fair to live the twentieth century.

Michael Rossi, who was arrested in connection with the murder of the Empress of Austria, and discharged, has been re-arrested in Italy, where he was working under an assumed name.

A prominent Berlin surgeon confessed that the coming peace conference would be a good time for the powers to consider the proposition to give first aid to the injured instruction to soldiers.

Grand Duke Cyril, of Russia, was among the passengers of the steamer China, which reached San Francisco, Cal., on Monday night.

The Grand Duke is on his way to St. Petersburg.

Lieut. Geza von Keglweitz has been sentenced by court-martial to military imprisonment for five years for forging on bills of exchange the name of the Austrian Crown Princess Stephanie.

The priests in charge of St. Peter's Church in Rome were not a little surprised recently to find the parents and relatives of a child candidate for baptism coming to the sanctuary all riding bicycles.

The Petit Bleu, of Brussels, points out that the Belgian cities and villages exceed those of any other country in the number of taverns. In Belgium there is a tavern for every thirteen inhabitants.

A French watchmaker has made a microscope capable of seeing a figure in wood that is so like himself that when the two are placed side by side it is impossible to tell even by a short distance which is the living figure.

John Townsend of Philadelphia told a party of friends that he had drawn the fatal card at a meeting of a suicide club, and would end his life that evening.

A number of the living figures, which he had drawn, were playing cards.

A Russian officer has been making experiments with very successful results in the use of pigeons as carriers. He finds they can fly much faster. A pigeon covers ten or twelve miles in an hour, while a falcon can fly fifteen.

Rome has gone gale mad. A number of scenes of nobility have recently been played out on the stage, and the large cafes of the city and has invaded the private residences. The police are determined to stop the nuisance.

A subject of the Czar is in the extreme old age of the weather at Moscow and Kazan, Russia, where intense cold usually prevails at this season. The temperature has been so genial for some time that the trees and bushes in the parks are coming out in bud.

There is trouble in the Dutch navy. Despite a law recently enacted which prohibits commanders of vessels from compelling their subordinates to be present at dinners and banquets, the ship some of the commanders insist on all men attending the Sunday services.

Poland has been pleasantly surprised by a ukase of the Czar ordering the Academy of Sciences to make preparations for a fitting celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Puschkin's birth. The University of Moscow is arranging for a Puschkin exhibition next year.

A perilous feat was recently performed by a Cossack in a menagerie at Moscow. He was directed to clean the cages of tame beasts and sponge the floor of the cages with his hands.

The Czar will visit Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary, and King Humbert of Italy, early in January.

The Swedish Government expedition sent out in search of Andree, the Arctic explorer, has returned to Stockholm.

King Humbert has granted amnesty to or reduced the sentences of 2,700 persons concerned in the riots of the 1902.

An important conference of Bonapartists has just been held at Brussels.

MARKETS OF THE WORLD.

Prices of Grain, Cattle, Cheese, &c. in the Leading Markets.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Prices were these:

A lot of ten cattle, averaging 950 lbs., sold at \$3.85 per cwt.

Eight cattle, sold at \$3.12-1/2 per cwt., averaging 1,000 lbs.

A load of 18 cattle, averaging 1,150 lbs., sold at \$4.17 each.

Three cattle, averaging 1,200 lbs., sold at 4-1/8, ten each.

As far as hogs were concerned, the Christmas holiday had had a weakening effect; for while "tip-toppers" are still 4-1/2, and light hogs 4, thick fat are slow at 3-7/8 per pound.

Following is the range of prices today:

Shipping, per cwt. \$3.62-1/2 \$4.25

Butcher, choice, do. 4.00 4.25

Butcher, medium, do. 3.82-1/2 3.69

Butcher, inferior, do. 3.25 3.25

Wool, per cwt. 3.00 3.50

Bucks, per cwt. 2.50 2.75

Lambs, per cwt. 3.50 4.00

Calves, each, 2.50 5.00

Cows, each, 2.00 6.00

Hogs, per cwt. 4.00 4.25

Heavy hogs, new, 4.00 4.25

Light hogs, per cwt. 3.75 4.00

TORONTO FARMERS' MARKET.

Wheat—Western markets were very strong today. Private cables from the Orient and India reported that the other side was not following the advance. Importers here were paying 70c for white and red, for red and white, 68c, and for white and west, 70c, and spring, 69-1/2c. Manitoba, steady at 70c, for No. 1 hard, Toronto and west, and 70c, for No. 2.

Flour—Quiet but firm. Offerings light. Straight roller, middle freight, 83c, and to-day at \$3.15, and 83-1/2c, and to-day at \$3.15, and 83-1/2c.

Millfeed—Scarce and firm. Tons of bran at the local mills bring \$14, and of shorts \$8 at 1-1/2 to 2-1/2. Feeds, are quoted at \$13 for bran and \$15 for shorts.

Outmeal—Firm. Car lots of rolled oats in bags, new, are quoted at \$3.30 per bbl., and in bbls. at \$3.50.

Feas—Strong and scarce. Car lots north and west, are quoted at 65-1/2c, and east at 66-1/2c.

Onions—In good demand. White rats, north and west, in car lots, are quoted at 28-1/2c, and in bbls. at 28-1/2c.

Rye—Firm. Car lots, north and west, 52c, and east, 53c.

Buckwheat—Quiet but firm. Car lots, north and west, 48 to 49-1/2c.

Corn—In good demand. Canadian yellow, Chatham, is quoted at 37c. American yellow, old, on track here, at 46 to 48-1/2c, and new, at 46 to 48-1/2c.

Barley—Quiet but firm. Car lots of No. 1 outside, are quoted at 47 to 48c. North and west, in car lots, are quoted at 47 to 48c.

Fair prices firm. Choice bolting stock sells at 20 to 22c; held fresh or cold stored at 17 to 18c; and limited at 18 to 20c.

Potatoes—Dull, with choice bringing about 55 to 57c, car lots, on track. Dealers sell out of stock at 60 to 65c; growers' loads, sell at around 50 to 60c.

Poultry—There is no demand at present and prices are easy. Quotations for turkeys, 40 to 60c; geese, per lb., 5-1/2 to 6c; turkeys, per lb., 8 to 9c.

Beans—Choice hand-picked beans sell at 11-1/2 to 12c, and common at 7 to 7-1/2c.

Dried Apples—Dealers pay 4 to 4-1/2 for dried stock, delivered here, and small lots sell at 4-1/2 to 5c, and 8 to 8-1/2c for small lots.

Honey—About steady. Round lots of choice, delivered here, will bring about 15 to 16c, and in car lots, at 15 to 16c, and in car lots at around \$1.25 to \$1.50 per dozen sections.

Hay—The market is featureless. Strictly choice, in car lots, is quoted at \$6.50 to \$7.50 per ton; and No. 2, at \$6.

Cattle—Easy and sales light. Car lots are quoted at \$4 to \$4.50 on track.

Hops—Transactions few. Dealers here quote Ontario stock at 15c, and Quebec holders will take nothing less than 20c.

Butter—Tendency for a good fair market. Prices are steady. Creamery keeps in moderate demand. Quotations are as follows—Dairy, tubs, 14 to 15c; medium, 14 to 15c; small, 14 to 15c; large rolls, 14 to 15c; small dairy, 1-1/2, 1-1/2, 1-1/2, 1-1/2; creamery, tubs and boxes, 19 to 20c; 20 to 21c.

Cheese—Firm. Demand fair. Choice stock sells at from 9-1/2 to 10c.

Wool—Prices are steady. Choice, in car lots, at \$3.30 to \$3.50, and in bbls. at \$3.50 to \$3.75, and in bbls. at \$3.75 to \$4.00, and in bbls. at \$4.00 to \$4.25, and in bbls. at \$4.25 to \$4.50, and in bbls. at \$4.50 to \$4.75, and in bbls. at \$4.75 to \$5.00, and in bbls. at \$5.00 to \$5.25, and in bbls. at \$5.25 to \$5.50, and in bbls. at \$5.50 to \$5.75, and in bbls. at \$5.75 to \$6.00, and in bbls. at \$6.00 to \$6.25, and in bbls. at \$6.25 to \$6.50, and in bbls. at \$6.50 to \$6.75, and in bbls. at \$6.75 to \$7.00, and in bbls. at \$7.00 to \$7.25, and in bbls. at \$7.25 to \$7.50, and in bbls. at \$7.50 to \$7.75, and in bbls. at \$7.75 to \$8.00, and in bbls. at \$8.00 to \$8.25, and in bbls. at \$8.25 to \$8.50, and in bbls. at \$8.50 to \$8.75, and in bbls. at \$8.75 to \$9.00, and in bbls. at \$9.00 to \$9.25, and in bbls. at \$9.25 to \$9.50, and in bbls. at \$9.50 to \$9.75, and in bbls. at \$9.75 to \$10.00, and in bbls. at \$10.00 to \$10.25, and in bbls. at \$10.25 to \$10.50, and in bbls. at \$10.50 to \$10.75, and in bbls. at \$10.75 to \$11.00, and in bbls. at \$11.00 to \$11.25, and in bbls. at \$11.25 to \$11.50, and in bbls. at \$11.50 to \$11.75, and in bbls. at \$11.75 to \$12.00, and in bbls. at \$12.00 to \$12.25, and in bbls. at \$12.25 to \$12.50, and in bbls. at \$12.50 to \$12.75, and in bbls. at \$12.75 to \$13.00, and in bbls. at \$13.00 to \$13.25, and in bbls. at \$13.25 to \$13.50, and in bbls. at \$13.50 to \$13.75, and in bbls. at \$13.75 to \$14.00, and in bbls. at \$14.00 to \$14.25, and in bbls. at \$14.25 to \$14.50, and in bbls. at \$14.50 to \$14.75, and in bbls. at \$14.75 to \$15.00, and in bbls. at \$15.00 to \$15.25, and in bbls. at \$15.25 to \$15.50, and in bbls. at \$15.50 to \$15.75, and in bbls. at \$15.75 to \$16.00, and in bbls. at \$16.00 to \$16.25, and in bbls. at \$16.25 to \$16.50, and in bbls. at \$16.50 to \$16.75, and in bbls. at \$16.75 to \$17.00, and in bbls. at \$17.00 to \$17.25, and in bbls. at \$17.25 to \$17.50, and in bbls. at \$17.50 to \$17.75, and in bbls. at \$17.75 to \$18.00, and in bbls. at \$18.00 to \$18.25, and in bbls. at \$18.25 to \$18.50, and in bbls. at \$18.50 to \$18.75, and in bbls. at \$18.75 to \$19.00, and in bbls. at \$19.00 to \$19.25, and in bbls. at \$19.25 to \$19.50, and in bbls. at \$19.50 to \$19.75, and in bbls. at \$19.75 to \$20.00, and in bbls. at \$20.00 to \$20.25, and in bbls. at \$20.25 to \$20.50, and in bbls. at \$20.50 to \$20.75, and in bbls. at \$20.75 to \$21.00, and in bbls. at \$21.00 to \$21.25, and in bbls. at \$21.25 to \$21.50, and in bbls. at \$21.5

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RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Trains call at Stirling station as follows:

GOING WEST. GOING EAST.

Mall, 6:15 a.m. Mall, 1:47 p.m.

Mixed, 6:42 p.m. Mixed, 10:20 a.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1899.

LOCAL MATTERS.

The official returns of the North Hastings election give Mr. Allen a majority of 251.

The Stirling Cheese Board of Trade intend having an oyster supper at the Kerby House on Monday evening, Jan. 10th.

Rev. W. S. Bullock, of Quebec will speak in the interest of Grande Ligne Mission next Sunday evening in Stirling Baptist Church at 7 o'clock.

The January thaw came to hand yesterday and there was a steady downpour of rain during the whole day. The snow drifts must be pretty well cleared out by this time.

The annual meeting of the Stirling Horticultural Society will be held in Mr. L. McKeljohn's Hall on Wednesday evening next, Jan. 11th. A full attendance of the members is requested.

The bells of all the churches in the village were set ringing at the ushering in of the New Year at midnight on Saturday.

Ring out the old, ring in the new; Ring, happy bells, across the snow; The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true.

—Tennyson.

At the meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. of St. Andrew's Church, Stirling, on Tuesday evening last, the following officers for 1899 were elected:—

President.—Rev. S. S. Burns, B. A.

1st Vice Pres.—Mr. F. T. Ward.

2nd Vice Pres.—Miss Nell Crosby.

Rec. Sec.—Miss May Milne.

Cor. Sec.—Miss Minnie Crosby.

Treasurer.—Mrs. John Shaw.

Organist.—Miss Kate McGee.

There has been but little wood delivered in the village this winter on account of the roads being badly drifted by the first heavy snow storm of the season. Before the roads could be got into passable condition nearly all the snow disappeared except where badly drifted, so that it was neither sleighing nor wheeling, and making it impossible to draw wood to market. On this account there is now almost a wood famine in the village, nearly every one complaining of being short of wood. Good prices could be obtained for dry wood of almost any kind. Those who are burning coal and are not dependent on wood for fuel may consider themselves lucky.

St. Andrew's Church Sunday School upheld its reputation last Friday night for giving a good entertainment, as all will say who attended their annual treat on Dec. 30th. The programme was varied, and the different numbers could not fail to please. "The Cantata" was well rendered by the little ones, and the song and march by twelve boys, "Onward Christian Soldiers," was loudly applauded, as was also the Brass Band of sixteen girls. The motion song, "Nearer my God to Thee," by Lena Martin, was well executed. Miss Taylor, of Corbyville, contributed several fine recitations, which were thoroughly appreciated. The financial part of the programme was also very successful, \$45.70 being realized.

Methodist Missions.

The Rev. T. M. Campbell, of Campbellford, will preach in the Methodist Church, Stirling, next Sunday, the 8th inst., morning and evening, and at Carmel in the afternoon, serious in behalf of the missionary work of the Church. Don't fail to hear him on what this branch of the Church is doing to obey the Great Master's command—"Go ye into all the earth and preach the gospel to every creature." Remember, there are millions of our race who have never yet heard the gospel.

Mayor John Shaw was re-elected in Toronto by a plurality of 803 over E. A. Macdonald, and of 7,499 over McArthur.

Mr. J. W. Johnson was re-elected mayor of Belleville by a majority of about 300. His opponent was Alderman Donnelly. The aldermen elected are:—Henry Taylor, John Doyle, Thor, Hanley, P. C. Jones, Curtis Bogart, W. A. Houghton, E. H. L. Lockwood, J. H. Stirling, W. Foster, and A. Robinson.

Missionary Meetings.

The annual missionary meeting will be held in St. John's Church, Stirling, on Wednesday Jan. 11th, at 8 o'clock p.m.

St. Lawrence Church, Thursday Jan. 12th, at 7:30 p.m.

St. Thomas, Rawdon, Friday, Jan. 13th, 7:30 p.m.

Offering for diocese mission fund. The speaker this year will be the Rev. C. J. Young, B. A., of Lansdowne. All are cordially invited to come.

"The Little Christian."

"The Little Christian" is an excellent illustrated juvenile periodical, edited and published by the noted author, H. L. Hastings, 47 Cornhill, Boston, Mass. The stories and articles in the "December" number are all admirable, and the illustrations all of a first class character. Every parent should send 30 cents to H. L. Hastings for a year's subscription to this excellent paper for their children.

A Teacher Appreciated.

The retiring teacher, Miss Chard, by the trustees and friends of the Pine View School Section, in Tudor, speaks well for the esteem in which that young lady was held. The address was presented by Mr. Henry Hinchcliffe and others:—

We, the friends of Miss J. Chard, our worthy teacher, take great pleasure in giving you this address, as a small token of our friendly towards you.

We regret very much your leaving us, because we will be losing not only a teacher, but as we hope a friend. Your stay among us has been none other than a pleasant one to us, and hope it has proved so to you.

All join in wishing you every success in your new school for the coming year, and sincerely hope your labors will be crowned with success, as we feel they have been here.

Trusting we have done our duty to you as a people, as we consider you have done to us as a teacher. We bid you farewell and God-speed.

Signed in behalf of the people of PINE VIEW SCHOOL SECTION, Township of Tudor.

Nice Warm Overcoats.

When the cold weather strikes you a little "hard" and you are not prepared with the proper clothing, it is nice to know that you can step into the Oak Hall, Belleville, and get what you want in the way of warm clothing, and get it well made, ready to put right on. We have fine heavy overcoats and ulsters from \$4 up.

Married.

ROBERTS-WALKER.—At the residence of Mr. John McKeljohn, on Dec. 28th, by the Rev. John Moore, Mr. Wm. H. Roberts, of Rawdon Township, to Miss Lizzie Walker, of Huron County.

COMPTON-McCOMB.—On Dec. 28th, at St. Mary's Church, Rawdon, by Rev. C. M. Harris, FREDERICK A. COMPTON, of Madoc, to MARY ELIZABETH, daughter of Jas. McComb.

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After the Battle

And the slain are provided with the habiliments of municipal death and glory for the fallen, we begin to breathe freely, and ask ourselves—What is the next scene in the New Year? Comfort for the loved ones at home, and our wives and daughters first. Come to J. Boldrick & Son and choose a nice Cape, a Coat, or a Collarette, or anything that is comfortable and soothing after so much excitement as we have all lately experienced. Let us all now settle down to business as usual, and forget the past. We also invite the warriors who have won laurels. They are invited to replace their blood-stained garments at our store, as ours is a store of peace and good will to all.

J. BOLDRICK & SON.

Christmas Buying

Has started, and we are prepared for it with the best assortment of goods ever offered in Stirling. Everybody is just claiming to have the best goods, but PARKER'S is recognized for everything that is the latest and best in our line.

DRY GOODS.

Broaded Lustre 35c. now 25c. Ladies' Vests 20c. now... 15c.

Wrapperettes 15c. now... 12½c. Tam O'Shanter 25c. now 15c.

Golf Cloakings... less than cost. Tam O'Shanter 50c. now 35c.

Ladies' Vests 60c. now... 50c.

DO NOT FORGET OUR ULSTERS.

BOOTS & SHOES.

Just a few pairs left. Now is your time to secure a pair.

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\$1.25 Silk Lined Swede Gloves.....	\$1.10	\$1.25 Calf Skin Mitts.....	\$1.00
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\$1.75 Lined Napa Buck Gloves.....	\$1.50	75c. Ladies' Kid Mitts.....	60c.
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This will not appear again. We intend to fill this space with specials from now on. Keep your eye on

FRED. T. WARD,

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The People's Store.

BARCAINS - HERE - THIS - WEEK.

APRON GINGHAMS, 36 in. wide, at 8 and 10c, reg. 10 and 12½c.
PRINTS—Big Bargains. Our Print Table is a wonder. Large patterns for tie-downs, all 10, 12½ and 15c., now selling at 7 and 8c. for your choice.
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Produce taken in exchange.

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BOUGHT AT SPECIAL SALE.

Gents' 18 size 14-kt. Gold Filled Case, fitted with genuine Elgin movement, for only.....	\$14 00
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This is a rare chance to secure a Fine Watch at a very low figure. Prices are SPOT CASH ONLY.

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Cranberries,	Spices,
Currents,	Flour,
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JOHN SHAW.

THE NEWS-ARGUS

To end of Dec., 1899, for \$1.00.

Village Council.

Minutes of a last meeting of the old Council, held Jan. 6th, all the members being present.

Mr. Ferguson presented an account for three trips from his livery to Oak Hill Pond in connection with the Waterworks, amounting to \$3.00, which on motion of Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Kerr, was ordered to be paid.

Moved by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the Reeve instruct the Treasurer to apply five hundred dollars now to the credit of the Sinking Fund toward the redemption of the H. S. debenture.—Carried.

On motion the Council adjourned.

JOHN S. BLACK, Clerk.

Minutes of a first meeting of the Stirling Municipal Council, held January 11th, 1899.

Present—Thos. H. McKee, Reeve; W. H. Calder, J. East, Halliwell, L. McKee, John and Chas. E. Parker, who having made the declarations, took their seats.

Moved by Mr. Halliwell, seconded by Mr. McKee, that W. S. Martin be auditor.—Carried.

The Reeve appointed Wm. A. Parker second auditor.

Moved by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Calder, that Henry Warren be Trustee.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. McKee, seconded by Mr. Calder, the Clerk was directed to order six copies of the Municipal World for the use of the Council.

The account of John S. Black for expenses in connection with the recent election amounting to \$8.00 was on motion of Mr. Halliwell, seconded by Mr. Parker, ordered to be paid.

Mr. Halliwell gave notice that at the next meeting he would introduce a by-law for the appointment of officers.

The Reeve called a special meeting of the Council for Tuesday next to consider estimates in connection with the Waterworks.

On motion the Council adjourned.

JOHN S. BLACK, Clerk.

Rawdon Council.

Rawdon Township Council met at the hour of eleven o'clock, as required by Statute. After signing Declaration of Qualification and taking the Oath of Office, the following members took their seats, and will constitute the Municipal Council for the ensuing year: T. J. Thompson, Reeve; Wm. Rodgers, Wm. Linn, Richard Clements, Thos. H. Matthews, Clerks.

Moved by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Clements, that the Clerk purchase a stamp and for the Auditors, as required by the late amendment to the Municipal Act.—Carried.

Mr. James Scott addressed the Council relative to the enforcement of the Local Option By-Law. It was moved by Mr. Clements, seconded by Mr. Linn, that the License Inspector for this district be notified that in the opinion of this Council, the Local Option By-Law in this township is being flagrantly violated, and they respectfully ask that he investigate the matter, and if possible bring home a conviction of the party so violating said by-law.—Carried.

By-laws were introduced for the appointment of a Road Surveyor, by Wm. Rodgers; a Health Officer, by Wm. Linn; Assessors, by Mr. Clements; Auditors, by Thos. H. Matthews.

On motion Council went into Committee of the whole on by-laws. Mr. Thompson in the chair. The by-laws were read clause by clause, and the following appointments made:

Road Surveyor—James Johnston.
Health Officer—E. W. Hawkins.
Assessors—Valentine Green and J. B. Russell.

Auditors—James Scott and William McKeejohn.

Committee rose and reported. By-laws were finally passed, signed, sealed and numbered 196, 197, 198, 199.

The Clerk was instructed to advertise for 30 feet of bridge covering, for which tenders will be received by the Reeve or Clerk until Saturday, Jan. 28th inst.

John R. Cook and E. F. Ketcheson applied to the Council to have the boundary line of the 9th Con. established along Lots 7, 8 and 9. It was moved by Mr. Linn, seconded by Mr. Matthews, that the Clerk write the Lieutenant-Governor and find if possible what cost would be entailed in the matter, and if satisfactory to parties interested, proceed to establish said lines as provided by statute.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Linn, that this Council petition the County Council of the County of Hastings to unite with the County Council of Northumberland in making the town line between Rawdon and Seymour a county gravel road.—Carried.

The following amounts were ordered to be paid:

Balance of interest on Wm. McKeejohn's note.....	\$5 54
David Linn, support Wm. Wallace.....	17 00

Polling Booths, for by-election Dec. 27th, 1898..... 21 00

Mrs. Ormer, support..... 18 00

Jan. Corrie, printing 1898..... 50 00

Lewis Alcombrack, wood for gardeners..... 2 75

Clerk, for Stationery..... 5 00

Chas. Bailey, job on bridge, saw line Sidney..... 6 00

Robt. Lanigan, for burying a dead animal..... 1 00

Municipal World for 1898 and 1899 and auditors' pad and stamp..... 3 00

Council adjourned until the first Monday in March.

THOS. C. MCCONNELL, Clerk.

There was a fierce gale over this section on Saturday. At Buffalo the wind blew at the rate of 70 miles an hour.

Big Warm Ulsters.

You get what you want in this line at the Old Hall, Belleville. Prices \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7 and \$8. We pride ourselves on having the best value ever offered in Belleville in heavy coats. Several clearing lines at extra bargain prices. We can fit the great big men nice and easy.

Stirling Cash Store

BIG MID-WINTER SALE!

From now until February 1st we intend to make it interesting for Cash Buyers. For those who have not made large purchases during the holiday season, and for those who can afford to buy ahead for Spring, it will pay to do your buying during the next month. We have just received two large cases of Clothing. These Goods came six weeks too late. We decided to keep them, but have received from the makers an extra big discount, which will enable us to sell at manufacturers' prices.

Heavy Twilled Shirting, fast colors, regular 12½c., for.....	10c.	Men's Blue Beaver Overcoats, wool lined, velvet collar.....	\$3 75
Heavy Flannelette, 32-in. wide.....	5c.	Heavy Frieze Ulster, big collar.....	4 25
Fast color, Plaid Gingham.....	5c.	Men's all wool Tweed Suits, regular \$10.00, for.....	7 50
Fancy Tweed Cloakings, heavy, regular \$1.25, for.....	90c.	Men's all wool Tweed Suits, regular \$8.00 for.....	5 00
Black Beaver Cloth, regular \$1.50, for.....	\$1 10	Heavy ALL WOOL Underwear, reg. 60c., for 45c., or per suit.....	80c.
Fine Tweeds, for men's and boys' wear, regular 60c., for.....	45c.	☛ This is a snap.	
Good Heavy Tweed, for boys' wear.....	25c.	Men's Heavy Wool Sox, 2 prs. for.....	25c.
Flannelette Blankets, all lines reduced away down.....		Men's Suspenders, regular 25c., now.....	17c.
Heavy Wrapperettes, regular 12½c.....	10c.	Men's all wool Flannel Shirts.....	50c.
Wide width heavy Print, reg. 12½c. for.....	8c.		

We are bound to sell a large quantity of Goods during the next month, and intend making the prices do it. Come early, bring your money, and you can have Big Discount in every line.

T. G. CLUTE.

School Board Meeting.

Minutes of a regular meeting of the School Board, held Jan. 3rd.

Members present—Jas. Boldrick, A. Chard, Jos. Doak, Dr. Parker, J. Milne, O. Vandervoort, F. T. Ward, U. Wright, Dr. Sprague.

Owing to the absence of Mr. Clute, Mr. Boldrick was appointed chairman pro tem.

The following accounts were directed to be paid:

J. Boldrick & Son, for lumber.....	\$7 88
Moved by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Wright, that the Secretary advertise for 35 cords of body maple wood, to be delivered on the school grounds before March 1.—Carried.	

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN S. BLACK, Secretary.

Minutes of a special meeting of the School Board, held by order of the chairman Jan. 4th.

Present—A. Chard, Jos. Doak, Dr. Faulkner, J. Milne, Dr. Sprague, Dr. Parker, F. T. Ward, H. Warren and Urial Wright.

On motion Mr. Ward was appointed chairman pro tem.

Moved by Dr. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Doak, that members of this Board, who owing to irregular attendance are liable to have their seats declared vacant, be for the present secured in their positions on the Board, and former delinquencies overlooked.—Carried.

Moved by Dr. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Wright, that the Trust Officer be instructed to be more vigilant in the performance of his duties.—Carried.

JOHN S. BLACK, Secretary.

Hoard's Station.

From Our Own Correspondent.
(Received too late for last week.)

Mr. James Jeffe, while going to the woods with his son on bob-sleighs, was riding with one of his legs hanging over the side of the sleigh, when it struck a stone, breaking his leg just below the knee.

Mr. Calvin Hoard's barn was destroyed by fire on Dec. 31st. The fire was caused by the upsetting of a lantern. He lost most of the past season's crop.

The young folks of this vicinity seem to be enjoying themselves in social gatherings and singing school this winter. It is rumored there will be a wedding in this neighborhood in the near future.

The Ontario Legislature has been called to meet for despatch of business on Wednesday, Feb. 1st.

La grippe, or influenza, is epidemic in Toronto, and large numbers are suffering from the disease.

Low Priced Ulsters.

As a rule, when the price of a big heavy coat drops to \$4, it cannot be anything but shoddy. The Old Hall, Belleville, have some at this price that are pure wool, and should be able to give good service in every way. When you can get such bargains in warm clothing, why go cold?

Surprise and Presentation.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson, sr., Moscow, was the scene of a very happy gathering on Monday, Dec. 26th, when their greatest grandchildren and great-grandchildren assembled, to the number of fifty, to celebrate the anniversary of their wedding day.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson were taken altogether by surprise, as they knew nothing of the intended gathering until they came trooping in laden with their well-filled baskets. Those at home had the house beautifully decorated with evergreens, flowers and mottoes.

After a recherche Xmas dinner had been partaken of, they repaired to the spacious drawing room, where the presentations were made, and the following address was read.

DEAR FATHER AND MOTHER.—We, your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends, have assembled to-day to commemorate the anniversary of your wedding day. Although most of us have left the old tree, our memory still reveres to our happy childhood days, and we think of the loving counsel and Christian training you gave us. We are truly thankful that you are still spared to us, and hope that you may enjoy many years of health and happiness.

God has been very good to us in keeping us unbroken in family before we were married, and we trust we may all so live here that there will not be a link missing in the family chain when we surround His throne in Heaven.

You have been permitted to see your grandchildren growing up around you, and with us join in wishing you the compliments of the season, and as it was at this season of the year we received our greatest gift from above, we tender you these small tokens of affection, hoping you may be spared many years to enjoy them and many family reunions.

Signed by
S. A. PATTERSON,
MRS. H. CAMBRIDGE,
MRS. J. W. SWITZER,
W. J. PATTERSON,
MRS. MURNEY PARK,
MRS. ALICE PATTERSON,
MISS ANNIE PATTERSON.

Father Patterson was so overcome that it was several minutes before he could command his voice to reply. When he did so, he thanked them in behalf of himself and wife for their many kind remembrances. The words of admonition that fell from his lips will not soon be forgotten by those present. Then all joined in singing Sweet By and By.

Speeches were made by the other gentlemen present, interspersed by solos, choruses and recitations by the little ones.

The different families represented were S. A. Patterson and family, Switzer, H. Cambridge and family, Yarker, Murney Park and family, Hawley, J. W. Switzer and family, Foxboro, S. C. S. McKim and family, Switzer, C. T. Furs and family, Crolyon, Ed. J. Wagar and family, Enterprise.

Shop Tables for Sale.

We have eighteen or twenty nice sized shop tables for sale at the Oak Hall, Belleville. We have taken the upper store and made changes that will enable us to dispose of that number of tables. Several different sizes and we will sell them cheap. Also one nice plate glass mirror at a bargain.

NOTICE.

As the holidays are over, the balance of our CROCKERY must be cleared out, and we will offer great bargains for Cash.

A few of the many things we have in stock:

Fresh & Salt Water Herring,
Salmon Trout, Whitefish,
Buckwheat Flour, Beans,
Diamond Drip Syrup,
Hops, Cornmeal,
Extra Fine Salt, in barrels.

Our 25c. TEA is a seller. Try it.

WANTED—Potatoes, Dried Apples and Poultry.

S. HOLDEN.

P.S.—A good Farm for sale.

SAY!

This ad. is written for the people who DON'T BUY FROM ME.

New Year is the time for good resolutions, and I ask you to resolve to buy a pound of my

25c. Japan Tea

as a starter. Prices and qualities are right in all lines.

Look out for my ad. each week.

Breathes there a man with soul so dead Who never to himself hath said—'I'll go to Conley's as I should And get my groceries cheap and good, For he's the cheapest man in town. I'll get my goods and pay cash down.

PHILIP CONLEY.

One door east Meiklejohn's Hardware.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS
In the Township of Rawdon.

Take notice that all Taxes must be paid by the 1st day of February, 1899.
J. T. COOK, Collector.

BASEMENT STABLES

FAVORS SALTING HAY.

PRINCIPAL MOVEMENT

FARM NOTES

ART AND SCIENCE

"Why, mon," said Alexander, with great enthusiasm, "they bite o' prefer."

SHARKS OF PANAMA BAY.

AN OLD TRAVELLER'S TALE OF
THEIR REMARKABLE CUNNING.

They Had Rules and Regulations and a Leader Who was the Solomon of the Batch—A Steamship Acquaintance With Them That Lasted for 1,000 Miles.

"As we lay there sweltering under the October sun the swelling became tedious, but it was relieved, after a little, by the approach of an ungainly lot of sea monsters as it had ever been mired to come across. They were monstrous, with lumbering motion, and awkward in all respects—until, some board from the cook's galley or be dropped from the deck, when they would awake in a moment, rushing and quivering to get at the morsel, at times indulging in fierce combat—if competition became too close—during which some smaller fish, with intrepid dash would turn on its back, get into position, and swallow the matter in dispute. When the tide issue of competition decided, the victor would be seen to find the morsel missing, but could see a satisfied look in the eye of one of the spectators. These ungainly creatures were the far-famed

SHARKS OF PANAMA

READING THEIR BIBLES.

MAGGY—FISH

BOUND GARDENS.

FAMILY LETTERS

PET MICE A NEW FAD

SOLICITOUS.

Doctor—Your wife, sir, is suffering from general functional derangement.

Mr. Parvenu — I knew it. May she'll give me credit with knowing few things after a while. I told her to quit gadding around to all the swell functions or she'd be sick. No, she's deranged. Is she liable to violent, doc?

Have You
LA GRIPPE?
A Cough or Cold?
CHILLS?

CLIMAX COUGH CURE
Cures Coughs and Colds.

CLIMAX PAIN CURE
For Aches, Pains and Chills.

TRY OUR
"PERFECT EMULSION"
Easy to take,—perfectly pre-
pared,—builds up the system,
—cures coughs.
50-cent size for 35 cents.

PARKER'S DRUG & BOOK STORE.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

All amounts past due must
be settled at once, by Cash or
Note, as we cannot do business
without money.

H. & J. WARREN.

Dec. 28th, 1898.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DAVID AUSTIN, late of the Township of
Rawdon, in the County of Hastings, farmer,
deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Re-
vised Statutes of Ontario 1897, chap. 129, sec. 3,
to all creditors and other persons having
claims against the estate of David Austin, late
of the Township of Rawdon, in the County of
Hastings, farmer, deceased, who died on or
about the nineteenth day of October, A.D. 1898,
to send by mail, prepaid, or otherwise deliver
to the Trustee Corporation of Ontario, at To-
ronto, Administrators of the estate of the said
David Austin, deceased, or to their Solicitor
as hereunder, on or before the 14th day of
January, 1899, a statement in writing of their
claims and demands, and full particulars of
the security if any held by them.

And notice is further given that after the
date mentioned the said Administrators will
proceed to distribute the assets of the said es-
tate among the persons entitled thereto,
having regard only to the claims of which no-
tice has been given as required.

All persons indebted to the said estate are
also hereby notified to hand in the amount of
their indebtedness on or before the 14th day of
January next to the said Administrators or
their solicitor.

Dated the 28th day of December, A.D. 1898.

J. EARL HALLIWELL,
Solicitor for Administrators.

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The publishers of THIS HOME, being desirous
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OFFER NO. 1.—15 Complete Novels
by such authors as Mrs. Southworth,
Charlotte M. Bracme, Conna Doyle, Haggard,
etc.

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100 illustrations. Teaches Drawn Work,
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I have for service Thoroughbred Tam-
worth, Yorkshire and Duroc Jersey hogs,
registered pedigree.

Thoroughbred Tamworth pigs for sale,
either sex. Price right.

Lot 12, Con. 5, Rawdon. Sine P. O.

Ripans Tablets cure bad breath.
Ripans Tablets cure dyspepsia.

WHAT YOU NEED NOW

IS GOOD WARM FOOTWEAR.

We are making Big Reductions in Prices of all

Winter Footwear.

Boys' Overgaiters, sizes 1 to 5, for 50c.

A SLENDID THING FOR BOYS.

OVERGAITERS AT COST.

COME TO US,—YOU CAN SAVE 25 PER CENT.

BOOTS MADE TO ORDER.

HARD DRY WOOD WANTED.

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ADVERTISING NOTICES.

In the local columns will be charged as follows:

To Regular Advertisers.—Three lines and un-
der, 25 cents each insertion; over three lines,
75c. per line. Material set in larger than the or-
dinary type, 10c. per line.

To Transient Advertisers.—10c. per line each
insertion. No insertion less than 25c.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Trains call at Stirling station as follows:

GOING WEST. GOING EAST.

Mail, 6:15 a.m. Mail, 1:15 p.m.

Mail, 6:32 p.m. Mail, 8:30 p.m.

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1899.

LOCAL MATTERS.

SOMETHING NEW.—The ladies of the

Methodist Church will give a Klondike

Social in the basement on Tuesday

evening, Jan. 24th.

We are informed that the Orangemen

of the 3rd District of the County of

Hastings intend holding their annual

12th of July celebration in Stirling this

year.

Mr. R. R. Clute and Mrs. Clute, and

T. G. Clute and Mrs. White have all

been confined to the house during the

past week. We hope to soon learn of

their recovery.

We are pleased to find by Tuesday's

papers that Mr. Harry L. Boldrick of

this village has passed the prescribed

period of final year law examinations

held at Osgoode Hall, in December.

The annual meeting of the North

Hastings Agricultural Society will be held

in the Orange Hall, Stirling, on Wed-
nesday next, Jan. 18th, at one o'clock

p.m. All members of the Society should

attend.

Although we have had severe winter

weather there has not been any good

sleighting thus far this winter. It is

hoped there will be soon, as it would

make things more lively and business

better.

On account of the illness of the Clerk,

Mr. J. S. Black, the new Council did

not organize on Monday last, but did so

yesterday. Mr. Black having sufficiently

recovered to attend to the necessary

formalities.

Prof. Beal will start a singing class

in Stirling on Friday evening, Jan. 20.

The success which attended the first

class could ensure a large attendance

for this one. First night free to all, and

everybody made welcome.

Considerable wood has been brought

into the village the last few days,

mostly on wagons,—and this has

somewhat relieved the threatened scar-

city. Good sleighing would enable an

abundance of it to be brought to market.

Rev. S. F. Dewey will preach on the

Rawdon circuit next Sabbath as follows:

Wellman's, 10:30, Mt. Pleasant, 2:30,

and Bethel, 7 p.m. The pastor, Rev.

W. D. P. Wilson, LL. B., will preach

the anniversary sermons at Adolphus-

town.

There has been considerable sickness

in the village of late, many being laid

up with la grippe or influenza, pneu-

monia and other complaints, which,

have no doubt been induced by the ex-

travely changeable weather that has

prevailed.

The supper given at the Kerby House

under the auspices of the Stirling

Cheese Board of Trade on Monday

evening next is not an exclusive affair

for cheese and factory men only. The

Society wishes us to state that all in-

terested in the dairy business will be

welcome, and that tickets are only 25c.

Some very cold weather has been re-

ported during the recent cold snap.

Here temperatures of 16 and 20 degrees

below zero are given, but in places

further north much lower readings are

recorded. At Mattawa the thermom-

eter is said to have registered 51 below

zero, and at Rat Portage 56 below. Such

low temperatures have not been known

for many years.

1899. J. Boldrick & Son 1899.

Have something to say to the public, and it is this, that we never tell the public through the paper anything but facts. So when we say cheap goods we mean it. This selling goods at less than cost is a fraud, and in nearly every case untruthful. Now we do say this, that sometimes expensive goods are not suitable for all markets, and should not be held over if possible to sell them, especially in Furs. We have 3 only SEAL CAPES, trimmed with Sable, that we will take \$10.00 less than the marked price of them. Now here is a chance for a lady to get a city style Cape, beautifully lined and trimmed, for a slaughter price. We have a large stock of other classes of Capes and Furs to meet every demand,—Greenland Seal, Black and Brown Opossum. We have Satin lined 30-inch Capes for as low as \$10.00. Stacks of Goat Robes \$5.00 to \$6.50, good big sized, and not patched skins either. Come and see them. This cold weather you must need Fur covering.

J. BOLDRICK & SON.

NOTICE!

Christmas is past and we are now selling off all
WINTER GOODS AT COST,
and less in several lines. We want to get our stock down be-
fore taking an inventory of it, which we do February the 1st.

DRY GOODS.

Brocade Lustre 35c. now 25c., Ladies' Vests 20c. now...15c.
Wrapperettes 15c. now...12c., Tam O'Shanter 25c. now 15c.
Golf Cloakings, less than cost. Tam O'Shanter 50c. now 35c.
Ladies' Vests 60c. now...50c.

DO NOT FORGET OUR ULSTERS.

BOOTS & SHOES.

Just a few pairs left. Now is your time to secure a pair.

WE HAVE A FRESH STOCK OF GROCERIES

on hand, bought especially for the Xmas trade.
Highest price paid for Dried Apples, Butter, Eggs, Poultry.

ALL REPAIR ACCOUNTS, whether Threshing or Reap-
er, must be paid at once.

E. F. PARKER.

NOTICE.

THE GREATEST BARGAINS

IN READY-TO-WEAR CLOTHING

and CENTS' FURNISHINGS

ever offered to the public can be
had at this Store for the next two
weeks. We have a Large Stock
which must be cleared out before
our Spring Goods arrive.

WM. HOLDEN.

N. B.—Persons whom we have requested
to call and settle their accounts, and have
failed to do so, will have cost to pay unless
settlement is effected within 10 days from
date.

W. H.

COLD SNAPS

In order to clear out the balance of our Winter
Stock of Footwear we are holding out some SPECIAL
SNAPS. Come while we have your size.

Ladies' Skating Boot, chocolate and black, felt
and leather lined, reg. \$1.75 and \$2.00.\$1.50
Men's Felt Boots, all kinds, at greatly reduced
prices. Buckled Felt boots,\$1.25
Ladies' Overshoes, Overgaiters, Leggings at
clearing out prices.
Men's Larrigans from \$1.10 up.

We mean to clear out our Winter Stock, and the
prices will do it.

Martin & Reynolds'.

N. B.—We would like all accounts settled at once.

HARDWARE!

A splendid line of HOCKEY
SKATES for 50c.

BUY THE

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none like it. It always
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News Summary.

Recent Happenings Briefly Told.

CANADA.

The Ontario Legislature has been called for Feb. 1st for the despatch of business.

A syndicate proposes to erect a large abattoir at Three Rivers, upon conditions of exemption from taxation.

The Hamilton Iron Furnace Company intend to establish a steel plant in connection with the blast furnace. It is said that the 7th Battalion, at London, when reorganized, will consist of six companies instead of eight.

The house of Mr. Paul Parker was burned at Plantagenet, and Mrs. Parker and two children perished in the fire.

Fifty-two branches of chartered banks and several private banks were opened in Manitoba and the Territories last year.

Albert E. Mussen, clerk in the Merchants' Bank at Montreal, has been arrested. His shortage is said to be almost \$60,000.

The Grand Trunk offered Mrs. Casey, wife of the engineer who was killed at Murray Hill \$100 per month for three years, which she refused to accept.

Individual communion cups were used in the Centenary church at Essex, last Sunday for the first time. Communicants remained seated in their pews.

The Canada Atlantic Railway has received communication from the American roads relative to the proposal to abolish second-class fares on railways.

The Crow's Nest Railway is now in working order and three passenger trains are sent out each way every week. The regular freight traffic is steadily increasing.

Rumors are in circulation at Cairo that on December 28 last the Derwishes, under Emir Farouk, the Blue Nile, defeated the Egyptian forces, the 10th Sudanese battalion being entirely destroyed.

Wolves are said to be so plentiful in the northern parts of Quebec Province that they are ranging the woods in large packs and have been known to attack settlers' stock. They are also being dealt with against the large herds of elk and moose.

The annual report on adulteration of food issued by the General Revenue Department has been distributed. During the year 779 samples were analyzed and of these 701 were found to be genuine, 67 adulterated, and 11 of 6 sold as compound, 19 not classed and 5 sold illegally.

GREAT BRITAIN.

There are now over 116 million people who speak English in the world.

London paid 12 per cent. of the income-tax of England and Wales.

A female tourist crier fulfills her duties in the Scottish town of Dunneigh, Perthshire.

The White Star steamer Oceanic, the largest ship ever built, was launched at Belfast.

Fifty pounds a year is devoted to dogging the books in the Library of the House of Lords.

An artesian well sunk to the depth of 423 feet in Clapham, London, yields 840,000 gallons a day.

Argument upon the dispute between Great Britain and the United States will not likely be heard until in May.

Eight churches have stood on the site of St. Paul's Cathedral in London. The first one was built in the year 232.

Thirty thousand women spend their lives in driving and steering the canal boats in southern and midland England.

The British Admiralty is being urged to emphasize the unity of the empire by adopting colonial titles for British warships.

The Board of Trade returns of Great Britain's foreign trade for the month of December show increases over 1897 of £3,998,100 in imports and £1,638,800 in exports.

A branch of the Navy League has been formed at Rotterdam, Sussex. Among the members of the first committee are Mr. or her portrait of the late Mr. Rudyard Kipling.

Canterbury Town Council has decided to present Mr. Henniker-Haston, M. P., with the freedom of the city in recognition of his services to the city of imperial penny postage.

The Empress Frederick has consented to visit Plymouth on January 25th, to open the new block of the Royal Victoria Dock, which has been erected by Miss Weston, the "Salvage" friend, at a cost of over £50,000.

Princess Victoria of Wales, arranged flowers beautifully, and usually prepares the dinner table decorations at Sandringham. It is Princess Victoria, who frequently makes up the buttonholes so much worn by the Prince of Wales.

It is not generally known that the Queen possesses a most valuable collection of autographs. Besides the name of nearly every crowned head in the world, with his or her portrait of some of the most famous artists, musicians, and literatures abound.

The late Mr. John Hurling, of Manchester, bequeathed £43,000 to churches and institutions, the majority of them local. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals receives £1,000, and the Manchester branch of the Royal Lifeboat Institution comes in for £2,000.

The trade of the British Empire is equal to that of the United States, estimated to amount to about £1,000,000,000 per annum which is nearly Germany, Austria, Russia, and the United States; and the shipping tonnage carried on this gigantic traffic exceeds 120,000,000 tons.

Sir W. MacCormac, the great surgeon, is rich in foreign orders, and is especially proud of being an officer of the Legion of Honour, a distinction worn by few medical men and only a few French army officers.

UNITED STATES.

The town of Pullman, Ill., is to be annexed to Chicago.

One-half the Confederate pensioners in Mississippi are widows.

A number of animals in the Philadelphia "Zoo" have died from grip.

A private in the garrison at Fort Niagara, N.Y., is down with small-pox.

Connecticut's homicides in 1898 were 27, compared with 24 in 1897 and 25 in 1896.

In Pennsylvania there are 867 school districts in which the schools are open only half the year.

The United States Government will send four regiments of infantry to the Philippines at once.

South Dakota has a surplus of money in the state treasury. It recently took out \$70,000 of bonds not due until 1910.

The state library of Pennsylvania, with 141,316 volumes, is the second in size of such libraries in the United States.

Richard Tweed, brother of the famous Tweed, the legal ruler of New York, is dead there, aged 75.

The Populist Senate of Kansas now proposes to fix the legal rate of 50 cents for burials in sleeping cars in that State.

It has been judicially decided in the Chicago courts that under a provision of the state constitution, a juror must be a qualified voter.

North Dakota law makers have altered the law so that the residence of 12 months, and only to residents of the United States.

The extent to which the ball-bearing industry is shown by the importation into the United States of at least 200,000,000 balls a year.

By a tunnel 300 feet in length through the mountains, Gold Lake, Idaho, has been drained and its enormous gold wealth made available.

Chief Joseph Kipley has instructed the Chicago police to "shoot to kill" when it becomes necessary in dealing with highwaymen and notorious thugs.

A Joliet Prison convict told the warden that \$2,000 worth of diamonds stolen from a Mrs. Williams, a Chicago hotel guest, had been secured. Mrs. Williams now has the diamonds.

An epidemic of grippe has broken out to an alarming extent among fine horses in Kentucky. Thoroughbreds especially are suffering, and many valuable horses are dropping their foals on account of it.

The official estimate of the annual egg product of the United States places it at \$50,000,000. It is estimated that, if this would give the earth twelve times at the equator, and there would still be some over.

Chicago now boasts the "longest pole" in the world. It is a pole of steel, 100 feet long, and has been charged with a bit of territory seven square miles in area. It is at the extreme western limit of the city, at the foot of the few houses and a good deal of prairie.

A suit against the city of Minneapolis for loss by fire because the water pipes were not kept in repair, has been decided in favor of the city by the Supreme Court which ruled that the city was not liable for the negligence of the servants.

Experiments as to the porosity of this sheet of metal, made in the United States Navy Yard at Washington, have shown that a plate of 1/16 inch thick is absolutely impervious to water under a pressure of 6000 pounds to the square inch.

It is expected that the present season will be one of the best lumbering seasons in the history of the industry. The cut upon the lake of the Kennebec will probably exceed that of 1897 by at least 24,000,000 feet, and the total cut for the year is estimated, will be fully 125,000,000 feet.

The late William B. Smallbridge, of Glenville, Va., a veteran of the civil war, carried a bullet in his head for 37 years. His death was not due to the presence of the bullet, and, in fact, he never suffered any inconvenience from it. Before his death he had asked his physicians, in the interest of his family, to make an autopsy in order to find the cause of his death. They did so, and found it imbedded in the heart.

GENERAL.

The world's navies number 2,391 warships.

British India has 10,417 licensed opium shops.

The Italian navy includes 328 war vessels of all kinds.

The population of India increases at the rate of 3,000,000 annually.

An estimate takes up the collections in some of the temples in India.

Fifteen thousand people are employed in making violins in Germany.

The Paris Exposition of 1900 is to have a theatre which will seat 15,000 persons.

Influenza is epidemic in St. Petersburg and thousands of cases are reported.

During the last century 100 lakes in the Tyrol have subsided and disappeared.

Emperor William is to visit King Humbert of Italy and the Pope in March.

The Prussian Government has issued a decree abolishing female corporal punishment.

Coal from Japan is gradually encroaching upon the Welsh coal in East Indian markets.

The deepest coal mine in the world is in Belgium, in which you can descend 8490 feet.

Terat, in Afghanistan, is the city which has been most often destroyed.

Fifty-sixth anniversary of the revolution of 1848 is celebrated in Germany.

It is said Mr. Rockefeller made over \$8,000,000 by the rise of Standard Oil liquidating certificates.

The 100th anniversary of the birth of the late Queen Victoria will be celebrated in the United Kingdom.

Chinese bicyclists are frequently seen on the streets of Hong Kong and Shanghai.

The Italian Government proposes to take a census of the people on December 31, 1900, no census having been taken since 1861.

Russi have always been in the fore front in pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

Between 30,000 and 40,000 Russians visit Palestine every year.

Spain has greater mineral resources than any other country in Europe, including iron, copper, zinc, silver, antimony, quick-silver and lead and pyrites.

Serious fighting is reported to have taken place in the Connaught district of French Guinea the result of natives attacking the French-Belgian mission.

Police throughout Germany have confiscated the Paris figure on account of a caricature, Emperor William in the guise of a despised animal.

General Lord Kitchener, the Sirdar, has decided to send a strong expedition against Khafis Abdullah, who is now at Darfur with a large force of Dorobies.

General Weyler, the former captain-general of Cuba, gave a banquet recently to 141 generals and admirals and a number of other high officers. Toasts to the regeneration of the country and reform in the army were given.

A Belgian priest named Delbruck has been murdered by Chinese rebels at Hupel. His companions took refuge in the house of a friendly mandarin.

Another priest named Fleury is now imprisoned in a coal pit at Szechuen. He is gagged and shamefully treated.

The French Minister of Finance has his budget lightened this year of a pension which has been paid regularly to the late Emperor's widow.

It is said that the late Emperor was to pay a yearly sum of \$50 to all non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the French Republic who had been ten years in the army.

The annual sum amounted to \$600,000 last year. It was \$50. Now the Emperor's last recipient having died at the age of 100.

CHARGED WITH DOUBLE MURDER.

Quebec Villagers Startled by the Arrest of One of the Most Prominent Citizens.

Placed—Many Other Alleged Crimes.

A despatch from Montreal says:—The village of Upton, fifteen miles from St. Hyacinthe, has been thrown into great excitement by the arrest of Joseph L'Heureux, on a charge of having attempted to murder his step-son, Joseph Evangeliste Roque.

By setting fire to the boy's bed. While L'Heureux is held only on one charge, there are at least five other crimes which it is alleged will in all probability be traced home to him, two of them being the most serious of all offences against humanity, murder. There is every reason to believe, it is said, that he murdered his first two wives.

Detective Haynes, manager of the Canadian Secret Service in this city, has worked unceasingly for many months in collecting evidence which would warrant L'Heureux's arrest.

He had not the slightest warning as to his coming arrest, and was as surprised as it is possible for a man to be. When told that a warrant was issued for his arrest, he asked the police what he had done.

He supposed there was nothing to do but go along. The most important witnesses against him will be the boy and his wife.

LONG LIST OF ALLEGED CRIMES.

Joseph L'Heureux is a remarkable man in many ways, particularly in that he has for so many years successfully covered up the track of his crimes, and now alleged to be the most serious crimes in the calendar. Among the crimes he is alleged to have committed are:

1. The poisoning of his first wife, who died at Biddenden, Maine, about twelve years ago under very suspicious circumstances.

2. That in December, 1894, he poisoned or was in some other manner responsible for the death of his second wife, who died at Upton village, in the district of St. Hyacinthe.

3. That in 1894 he burned his house and a barn to the ground with the object of collecting the insurance money.

4. That in March, 1898, he set fire to the bed of his step-son, who awoke before the flames had reached him, and attempted to burn him.

5. That in October, of the same year, he set fire to his dwelling on the lower corner, and placing a rug saturated with turpentine under the step-son's bed, again attempted the boy's life, and tried to burn his dwelling.

6. That he poisoned the remains of the second Mrs. L'Heureux, now being considered by the Attorney-General. Though nothing of the body has been found, it is thought that the poison, should poison have been used, may yet be found.

AN INCENDIARY PARDONED.

Had Been Sentenced to Seven Years by a Montreal Judge.

A despatch from Montreal says:—Word has been received that the Governor-General has pardoned John Boiser, a convict who was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary for arson. Boiser was a further, and in September, 1895, was arrested on a charge of arson.

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MARKETS OF THE WORLD.

Prices of Grain, Cattle, Cheese, &c. in the Leading Markets.

TOLEDO.

Toronto, Jan. 10.—For an off-day we had rather a lively market at the Western cattle yards this morning.

There were 22 loads of offerings received here, including 1,600 hogs.

There was not much doing in export cattle, but we had some fairly good stuff here, and it sold in small lots at from \$4 to \$4.25 and \$4.50 per cwt.

A few parcels of selections sold at \$4.00 per cwt.

Butchers' cattle sold well, considering that the quality was not anything more than ordinary. Choice butchers' cattle was firm from \$3.40 to \$3.60, and now and then 4-10 per lb. but the 1-80 was very occasional. Good cattle fetched from \$3.00 to \$3.70 per cwt.; medium sold from \$3.25 to \$3.50 and \$3.75, per cwt.; and inferior to common fetched from \$3.15 down to \$2.20 per cwt.

The sales today did not drag, and everything sold early.

The following transactions were reported:—

One load of butchers' cattle averaging 1,025 lbs. sold at \$3.40 per lb.

Another load, averaging 1,050 lbs. sold at \$3.20 per lb.

Fourteen cattle, averaging 1,100 lbs. sold at 40c, and ten dollars back.

Eighteen hogs, averaging 1,050 lbs. sold at \$3.30 per cwt.

A load of butchers' cattle, averaging 905 lbs. sold at \$3.40 per lb.

Ten cattle, averaging 950 lbs. sold at \$3.10, and five dollars back.

Six shipping cattle, averaging 1,070 lbs. sold at \$3.40 per lb.

There was no enquiry for milkers to export. Stockers, feeders, and bulls are unchanged.

There is no shipping sheep just now, and they are all at from \$3 to \$3.10 per lb.

About fifty lambs came in, and prices are firmer at from \$4 to \$4.25, and occasionally \$4.35, per cwt. A little more was reported as paid, but we do not have any in demand.

Bucks are slow at \$1.20 per lb. A few good veals will sell.

Hogs are steady and unchanged at \$4.60 to \$4.75, per cwt. Light hogs are quoted at from \$4 to \$4.25, but for any kind of heavy fat hogs the outside figure is \$3.75; they will sell at the same price, but not over \$3.50. Sows are worth 30c, and stage 20c, per lb.

Stores will not sell.

Shipping, per cwt. \$4.00 \$4.50

Butcher, choice, do. 3.75 4.12-1/2

Butcher, medium to good. 3.50 3.60

Butcher, 300 lbs. 3.25

Sheep and Lambs.

Bucks, per cwt. 3.00 3.25

Ewes, per cwt. 2.25 2.50

Lambs, 300 lbs. 4.00 4.35

Milkers and Calves.

Cows, each. 2.50 500

Calves, each. 2.00 600

Hogs.

Choice hogs, per cwt. 4.25 4.62-1/2

Light hogs, per cwt. 4.00 4.12-1/2

Heavy do., per cwt. 3.00 3.75

POULTRY.

Eggs—Receipts fair, demand good, and prices firm. Choice boiling stock, 1-1/2 to 2-1/2; fresh or cold, 1-1/2 to 1-3/4; and 1-1/2 to 1-3/4.

Potatoes—The market is steady and movement fair. Choice sold today, on the outside figure is \$5.50. Dealers sell at from \$5 to \$5.50. Farmers' loads sell at around \$5 to \$6.

Poultry—Not much demand and receipts are slow. Prices are steady. Good choice stock. Quotations are:—Chickens, per pair, 25 to 40c; ducks, 40 to 60c; geese, per lb. 5-1/2 to 6c; turkeys, 9 to 10c.

Beef—Firm. Choice hand-picked beans sell at \$1.10 to \$1.25; and common, at \$1.00 to \$1.10, per bush.

Wheat—Unchanged. Dealers pay 4-1/2c. for dried stock, delivered here, and small lots resell at 5 to 6c, evaporated 8 to 9-1/2c for small lots.

Honey—About steady. Round lots of choice, delivered here, will bring about \$2.00 from 10 to 15 lbs. per lb. for 10 to 60-lb. tins; and in comb at around \$1.25 to \$1.50 per pound.

Butter—Movement is very light. Strictly choice car lots is quoted at \$6.50 to \$7.00 per ton; and No. 2 at \$6.00 to \$6.50. Choice car lots are quoted at \$4 to \$4.50, on track.

Hops—Futures. Dealers here sell at 10c to 12c; and outside producers are asking 10c to 12c.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.

Butter—Steady demand and moderate receipts keep the market unchanged as to prices. Quotations are as follows:—Dairy, top, poor to medium, 14 to 16c; small dairy, 14 to 16c; 14 to 16c; creamery, tubs, and boxes, 10 to 20c; lbs., 20 to 21c. Cheese—No particular feature. Choice stocks sell at from 10 to 12-1/2c.

MARKETS OF THE WORLD.

Prices of Grain, Cattle, Cheese, &c. in the Leading Markets.

DETROIT.

Detroit, Jan. 10.—Wheat—Closed: No. 1 white, cash, 70c; No. 2, 68c; No. 3, 66c; and January, 70c; May, 70c; No. 2, cash, 71c; No. 3, 69c; and January, 71c; May, 71c; No. 2, cash, 72c; No. 3, 70c; and January, 72c; May, 72c; No. 2, cash, 73c; No. 3, 71c; and January, 73c; May, 73c; No. 2, cash, 74c; No. 3, 72c; and January, 74c; May, 74c; No. 2, cash, 75c; No. 3, 73c; and January, 75c; May, 75c; No. 2, cash, 76c; No. 3, 74c; and January, 76c; May, 76c; No. 2, cash, 77c; No. 3, 75c; and January, 77c; May, 77c; No. 2, cash, 78c; No. 3, 76c; and January, 78c; May, 78c; No. 2, cash, 79c; No. 3, 77c; and January, 79c; May, 79c; No. 2, cash, 80c; No. 3, 78c; and January, 80c; May, 80c; No. 2, cash, 81c; No. 3, 79c; and January, 81c; May, 81c; No. 2, cash, 82c; No. 3, 80c; and January, 82c; May, 82c; No. 2, cash, 83c; No. 3, 81c; and January, 83c; May, 83c; No. 2, cash, 84c; No. 3, 82c; and January, 84c; May, 84c; No. 2, cash, 85c; No. 3, 83c; and January, 85c; May, 85c; No. 2, cash, 86c; No. 3, 84c; and January, 86c; May, 86c; No. 2, cash, 87c; No. 3, 85c; and January, 87c; May, 87c; No. 2, cash, 88c; No. 3, 86c; and January, 88c; May, 88c; No. 2, cash, 89c; No. 3, 87c; and January, 89c; May, 89c; No. 2, cash, 90c; No. 3, 88c; and January, 90c; May, 90c; No. 2, cash, 91c; No. 3, 89c; and January, 91c; May, 91c; No. 2, cash, 92c; No. 3, 90c; and January, 92c; May, 92c; No. 2, cash, 93c; No. 3, 91c; and January,

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MRS. E. LANKTREE.

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at 1 o'clock, P.M., the following lands and premises, that is to say:
All and singular those certain parcels of land and premises situate, lying and being comprised of the North Five Acres of that parcel or tract of land and premises hereinafter more particularly described as follows: That parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being comprised of part of the Township of Rawdon in the County of Hastings, and being part of Block "B" in the Village of Stirling on the North side of Church Street, connecting at the South with the Village Lot Number Ten on the North side of Church Street, and being bounded on the North side by the North side of Church Street, and on the East side by the side line of said Lot Number Twelve forty rods, thence east parallel with the side line of said Lot Number Twelve forty rods, thence east parallel with Church Street forty rods, thence south parallel with the side line of said Lot Number Twelve forty rods to the place of beginning, containing Ten Acres, less that portion of said land occupied by the Grand Junction turn Grand Junction Railway, and the one-quarter acre owned by the Baptist Church, together with a strip of land of the width of thirty feet of line east, side of the south half of that part of Block "B" above described, with strip of land from the Church Street to the northward Five Acres.

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For each advertisement—Over 15 lines and under—20 cents per line.
For each advertisement—Over 20 lines and under—25 cents per line.
For each advertisement—Over 25 lines and under—30 cents per line.
For each advertisement—Over 30 lines and under—35 cents per line.
For each advertisement—Over 35 lines and under—40 cents per line.
For each advertisement—Over 40 lines and under—45 cents per line.
For each advertisement—Over 45 lines and under—50 cents per line.
For each advertisement—Over 50 lines and under—55 cents per line.
For each advertisement—Over 55 lines and under—60 cents per line.
For each advertisement—Over 60 lines and under—65 cents per line.
For each advertisement—Over 65 lines and under—70 cents per line.
For each advertisement—Over 70 lines and under—75 cents per line.
For each advertisement—Over 75 lines and under—80 cents per line.
For each advertisement—Over 80 lines and under—85 cents per line.
For each advertisement—Over 85 lines and under—90 cents per line.
For each advertisement—Over 90 lines and under—95 cents per line.
For each advertisement—Over 95 lines and under—1 dollar per line.
For each advertisement—Over 1 dollar and under—1 dollar 50 cents per line.
For each advertisement—Over 1 dollar 50 cents and under—2 dollars per line.
For each advertisement—Over 2 dollars and under—2 dollars 50 cents per line.
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For each advertisement—Over 8 dollars and under—8 dollars 50 cents per line.
For each advertisement—Over 8 dollars 50 cents and under—9 dollars per line.
For each advertisement—Over 9 dollars and under—9 dollars 50 cents per line.
For each advertisement—Over 9 dollars 50 cents and under—10 dollars per line.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.
Trains call at Stirling station as follows:
GOING WEST. GOING EAST.
Mail 7:15 a.m. Mail 1:45 p.m.
Mixed 8:15 a.m. Mixed 2:45 p.m.
Mixed 9:15 a.m. Mixed 3:45 p.m.
Mixed 10:15 a.m. Mixed 4:45 p.m.
Mixed 11:15 a.m. Mixed 5:45 p.m.
Mixed 12:15 p.m. Mixed 6:45 p.m.
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HONORARY GRADUATE OF TORONTO UNIVERSITY, and M.A.C.D.S. of Ontario.
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Will visit Marmora every Thursday.

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CHRIS. BUTLER and HARRY HARRIS, Bailiffs and Licensed Auctioneers for the County of Hastings.
All orders promptly attended to. C. Butler, insurer of Marriage Licenses, as usual. Residence—Stirling, Ont.

STIRLING LODGE
No. 230.
I. O. O. F.
Meets in the Lodge room, Conley block.
EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING
At 8 o'clock. G. L. SCOTT, R.S.

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C. L. HAWLEY, L.D.S.
TRENTON, GRADUATE OF THE TORONTO School of Dentistry, will visit Stirling professionally, the second and last Friday in each month until further notice.
The Dental Engine, Vitalized Air, Gas, and all the modern improvements known to Dentistry, will be used for the painless extraction and preservation of the natural teeth. Rooms at Scott House.

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Office one door west of the Kerby Hotel.
All calls promptly attended day and night.

STIRLING MARBLE WORKS.

JOHN MOORE,
IMPORTER OF FOREIGN MARBLE AND GRANITE, has now on hand a full supply of Marble in Southern Falls and Blue; also Granite. A call solicited. Shop on Front Street.

Note Heads, Envelopes,
Billheads, Circulars,

Cards, Posters,
—AND—
JOB PRINTING

OF ALL KINDS, AT
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Notice to the Public.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING TAKEN possession of the County of Hastings is prepared to attend all sales on shortest notice. Terms as low as the lowest, and satisfaction guaranteed. Orders left at the News-Argus office or addressed to me at the School grounds in Stirling before the 1st of March next.
WM. ROUGHERS.

FEED. FEED.
A one load of Heavy Feed coming in a few days. First come, first served. It cannot get another car, and want most of this for myself. Also, I purpose selling 100 cords of Green Wood on the Island at \$1.10 per cord.
E. W. BROOKS,
Lot 22, Concession 1, Rawdon.

WOOD WANTED.
Tenders will be received up to Jan. 29th for 50 cords of Soft Wood to be delivered at Central Cheese Factory.
ROBERT SCOTT,
Cheese & Butter Maker.

Wood Wanted.
Tenders will be received from parties willing to supply 35 cords of Holy Maple Wood, four feet long, to be delivered on the School grounds in Stirling before the 1st of March next.
Stirling, Jan. 4, 1899.
JOHN S. BLACK, Secretary.

Wood For Sale.
By the acre, on the south part of lot in the 7th Con. of Sidney, three and a half miles from Stirling. For price and further particulars apply to
H. N. BIRD.



FRED. T. WARD'S CLEAN SWEEP SALE

Commencing on Saturday, Jan. 21st.

and Lasting Two Weeks Only.

NOW IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY.

GENUINE CLEARING CASH SALE OF WINTER GOODS.

10 PER CENT CASH AND 5 PER CENT TRADE OFF—

FUR COATS, JACKETS, CAPES, CARBINES, BOAS,

COLLARS, MUFFS, CAPS, ETC., ULSTERS,

PEA-JACKETS, TOP-SHIRTS, UNDER-

WEAR, CARDIGAN JACKETS.

You will want these goods, and we want the money. Call early and avoid the great rush at

FRED. T. WARD'S,
THE PEOPLE'S TAILOR, FURNISHER & FURRIER.

STOCK-TAKING NEXT WEEK.

NOW IS YOUR TIME FOR BEAGAINS.

PRINTS.—A few lines left that must be cleared out to make room for our New Prints, 15c, now 8c. Crum's Prints, all warranted fast colors.

APRON GINGHAMS.—We have a few pieces left at 8c. 36 inches wide.

WRAPPETTES.—All good patterns, now 11c, which were 12c and 15c.

FLANNELETTES.—were 5c, now 4c. 36c, now 7c. 12c, now 10c. These Flannelettes are all good washing cloths, and extra heavy.

BOYS' UNDERWEAR.—20% Discount off for Cash. Both cotton and woolen.

MEN'S & BOYS' WOOLEN CAPS.—We have a number left which must be sold regardless of price.

LADIES' WOOLEN SHAWLS.—ALL AT A BIG REDUCTION. Call and examine them for yourself.

FLANNELETTE SHEETS.—10% Discount for Cash. Both White and Grey.

LADIES' WOOLEN UNDERWEAR.—New is your time to purchase. Take notice of them on front table, selling at half price.

COTTONS.—We are selling a daisy 27 yds. for \$1.36 in. wide. This is cash only.

NOTICE.—A HEAVY WOOL SHEETING, 72 inches wide, all for 50cts. Grand weight, and an extra heavy twill.

CLOTHING of all kinds will be sold out less than cost. If you want to get a good heavy Furze Overcoat don't pass this store, as we are the leaders in the prices of Men's and Boys' Overcoats.

FRESH EGGS WANTED.—Must be new laid. Highest price paid.

Fowl taken at any time. Always want them.

A fresh stock of Groceries always on hand. Try our 25c. Tea. A special.

COME TO THE PEOPLE'S STORE.

C. F. STICKLE, GENERAL MERCHANT.

LEFT OVER XMAS GOODS.

In order to clear the balance of our Xmas Stock we will give a Straight Discount of 25 Per Cent until all are disposed of. The goods consist of Sterling Silver Manicure Sets, Nail Files, Button Hooks, Book Marks, Purses, Glove and Chatelaine Pungents, Pomade Jars, Tooth Powder and Tooth Brush Holders, Seals, Curlers, Shoe Horns, Chatelaines, Match Safes, &c. See our window for bargains. Every article a bargain at price marked.

W. H. CALDER,
JEWELER & STATIONER.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME!

Neither is there any place like JOHN SHAW'S for Groceries, Provisions and Crockery. You needn't take our word for it. We give you a cordial invitation to come and see. You will need an extra supply for Christmas, on account of friends coming to see you. We can supply you, and our prices are right.

Cranberries, Currants, Raisins, Peels, Sugar, Spices, Flour, Pork, Lard, Salt.

In fact, everything you need in Groceries or Provisions.

FRESH OYSTERS and FINNAN HADDIES now on hand.

THE FINEST LINE OF CROCKERY IN TOWN.

JOHN SHAW.

Tenders to furnish 3,000 feet of Cedar for bridge and culvert purposes will be received by the undersigned until Saturday, Jan. 29th, add covering to be 11 feet in length, not less than six inches in width, and 2 inches thick. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

THOS. C. MCCONNELL, Tre. Clerk.

THOS. J. THOMPSON, Recv.

To the Patrons of the Stirling Steam Laundry:

Hereafter Laundry must be strictly Cash. Goods left at this Laundry until Tuesday evening will be ready for delivery on the following Saturday. All accounts must be settled at once.

M. HICKEY.

We will club The News-Argus and Weekly Witness for \$1.05, or News-Argus and Daily Witness for \$3.00. The price of the Daily Witness alone is \$3.00 per annum.

Co-Operation in Dairying.

Co-operation is the real foundation-stone of Canadian dairying. Though our dairymen realize this in a general way, we question whether all of them have such a grasp of the system as will impel them to perform faithfully their share in making this huge co-operation a success. The maker and the manufacturer, with a few exceptions perhaps, fully realize the true significance of what co-operation in dairying means; but, from our own experience in practical dairy work a few years ago, and from our observation since then, we question whether one-half of the patrons of our cheese factories and creameries do so. Too many patrons, though they recognize the co-operative principle in dairying, seem to feel that the responsibilities connected with it do not apply to them. For this reason progress in dairying, after it reaches a certain stage, is slow.

Co-operation is defined as the act of working or operating together to one end. The being so, it is the duty of every one connected with a co-operative cheese factory or creamery to do his utmost to make the concern a success. The patron who supplies the milk; the maker who makes it into cheese or butter, and the manufacturer, though not so great a degree, and the factors concerned in operating a cheese factory or creamery, and upon the manner in which each one performs his part will the success of the industry depend. As we have pointed out on other occasions, while it is comparatively easy to reach the maker, it is very difficult to reach the man who supplies the milk, and to get him to feel his responsibility in the matter.

From the cheese and butter-makers' standpoint, there should be little difficulty in raising the quality of our dairy products to the highest standard possible. What with our dairy schools, our dairy instructors and inspectors, and the fund of dairy information distributed by both departments of agriculture, Canadian makers have every facility provided for perfecting themselves in the latest and most improved methods of cheese and butter making. And we say it advisedly, the cheese or butter maker who has a first class quality of milk supplied him, and has suitable buildings and the necessary equipment, and cannot make a first class quality of cheese or butter, cannot be excused in a degree. If he cannot make good cheese and butter under these favorable conditions he must not be in the business, and should take up some other calling where skill, intelligence and good judgment are not necessary to success.

But with the patron it is different. When we consider the vast quantity of raw milk in this country, not much attention was paid to educating and instructing the man who supplied the raw product as to how best to perform his share in the co-operation. Of late years a more extended effort is being made in this direction; but very little has been done in this country, not much attention was paid to educating and instructing the man who supplied the raw product as to how best to perform his share in the co-operation. Of late years a more extended effort is being made in this direction; but very little has been done in this country, not much attention was paid to educating and instructing the man who supplied the raw product as to how best to perform his share in the co-operation.

Where the maker is engaged to make by the cwt., it is his interest to get all the milk he can, and if he should send home a can of milk because of its being tainted or sour he would offend the patron, who would withdraw his support. The problem, then, of educating the patron in the best methods of handling and caring for the milk supplied to a cheese factory or creamery is a very difficult one to solve. Perhaps the system inaugurated in Western Ontario recently, where a few factories are placed under the control of a competent manager, who devotes his whole time to the work, may be a means of solving the difficulty. We are of the opinion, however, that the education of the patron in the best methods of caring for milk for cheese and butter making is the most important work which our dairymen have before them to-day. It seems to be the one branch in our co-operative dairy system which just now needs attention more than any other.

Some serious charges were made last season as to the quality of the cheese made in certain sections. We heard more than one in the trade make the statement that no improvement whatever was being made in the quality of Canadian cheese, and that in many instances the quality was not as good as it was a few years ago. Whether the patron or the maker is the more to blame for this unsatisfactory condition of things is not known. It may be that both are to blame, and have been negligent in regard to the duties they have to perform in making our co-operative dairy system a success. Farming.

Boys' Pea Jackets.
The Oak Hall, Belleville, have still on hand a nice assortment of boys' pea jackets. They are the proper thing for the young lads to have around in. We are giving some interesting prices on these coats in order to clear them out at once. It will pay you to buy now.

\$12.00 Overcoats for \$9.60.
You should see the elegant single and double breasted overcoats that the Oak Hall, Belleville, are clearing at \$9.60. Very fine all wool heavier extra trimmings, good velvet collar. It might pay you to investigate.

Is a Small Waist Beautiful?

This is the shape of a woman's waist on which a corset tight is laced. The ribs, deformed by being squeezed, press on the lungs till they're diseased. The heart is jammed and cannot pump; the liver is a torpid lamp; the stomach, crushed, cannot digest, and in a mess are all compressed. Therefore this silly woman grows to be a fearful mass of woe, but thinks she has a lovely shape, though hideous as a crippled ape.

This is a woman's natural waist, which corset tight has not disgraced. Inside it is a mine of health. Outside of charms it has a wealth. It is a thing of beauty true, and a sweet joy for ever now. It needs no artificial padding, or bustle big to give it "style." It is strong and solid, plump and sound, and hard to get one's arm around. Alas! if women only knew the mischief that tight corsets do, they'd let Dame Nature have her course, and never try her waist to squeeze.

Apt Questions.

A simple question put in the British Parliament a few years ago caused a laugh throughout all England, and defeated a great measure. Mr. Curzon, then Under Secretary for India, was making an elaborate speech against a measure urged by the Opposition regarding that dependency, as certain to result in a loss to the Government of many lacs of rupees. He repeated with emphasis, "Consider. Not pounds, nor guineas, but lacs of rupees?"

A quiet voice on the Opposition benches asked, "Exactly, but how much is a lac of rupees?"

Mr. Curzon opened his mouth, stammered, grew red, and then, with British candor, said, "I really don't know." The House laughed, and in that laugh he lost his cause.

A somewhat similar scene occurred many years ago in the American Congress. A presidential election was on, and a candidate arrived from the Iman of Muscat for President Adams. A Western member, with some heat, moved that the gift should be sent back, with a letter from Congress informing the ruler of Muscat that the President of the United States was no King, but the servant of the people, and was not permitted to give or receive presents.

Another member rose. "Such a letter, Mr. Speaker," he said, "can easily be written. But where is it to be sent? Where is Muscat?"

There was no response. Apparently not a member of the House was prepared to answer, nor could Muscat then be found in any atlas published in the country. It was found at last on a German map. A civil answer was returned, and the geographers made haste to insert Muscat in the next edition of their maps.

Nothing perforates bombastic oratory like a sharp question. When Burke, in the height of a labored peroration in Parliament against France, drew a dagger and threw it on the floor, somebody made the not absurdly saying, "Yes, that's the knife. Where's the fork?"

Equally sharp was the answer of Pope Pius IX., when the cardinal made and eloquently concluded with him on the sufferings in certain villages from earthquakes and famine.

"How much are you sorry, my brethren?" he said. "How many lives does your sympathy weigh?"

The only answer possible to this question was the relief of the villages.

Mr. Robert O'Riordan, of Madoc, had a valuable lesson of honesty learned in Moira Lake. He had been offered \$210 for the team a short time ago.

Mr. George C. Ritchie, a clerk in the Bank of Montreal, Belleville, and Miss Mary Ward skated in a hole in the ice on the Bay of Quinte. Mr. Ritchie bravely struggled to save the young lady, but was drowned. Miss Ward was rescued.

Two thousand three hundred immigrants, the first instalment of the Doukhobors from Russia, arrived by steamer Lake Huron at Halifax on Friday last. It is said to be the largest number of immigrants that ever crossed the Atlantic at one time in a single vessel.

The Merchants' Bank of Canada has withdrawn the charge of the theft of \$50,000 performed by Alfred E. Musson, late teller of the savings bank department of the bank. Mr. Ramsay, the inspector, made a declaration to the effect that the bank was mistaken, and found his accounts all right on further investigation. Musson was discharged.

Stock-Taking Sale!

From now on we offer special inducements in all Winter Goods.

Men's Heavy Suits at cost.
Men's Heavy Ulsters at cost.
Ladies' Cloakings at cost.
All Blankets at cost.

Our SPRING GOODS

are beginning to arrive, and in order to make room we offer all Winter Goods at cost.

WANTED—Dried Apples.

T. G. CLUTE.

NOTICE.

As the holidays are over, the balance of our CROCKERY must be cleared out, and we will offer great bargains for Cash.

A few of the many things we have in stock:

Fresh & Salt Water Herring,
Salmon Trout, Whitefish,
Buckwheat Flour, Beans,
Diamond Drip Syrup,
Hops, Cornmeal,
Extra Fine Salt, in barrels.

Our 25c. TEA is a seller. Try it.
WANTED—Potatoes, Dried Apples and Poultry.

S. HOLDEN.

P.S.—A good Farm for sale.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

In the Township of Rawdon.
Take notice that all Taxes must be paid by the 1st day of February, 1899.
J. T. COOK, Collector.

Conservative Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Liberal Conservative Association of the Township of Rawdon will be held in the Orange Hall, Spring Brook, on the evening of Monday, Jan. 30th, 1899, at the hour of 7 o'clock, for the purpose of electing Officers, and general business for the ensuing year.
ELAIN JACKMAN, Secretary.
WM. ROUGHERS, President.

L. O. L.

The Annual Meeting of the County Lodge of Central Hastings Loyal Orange Association will be held at the Orange Hall at Madoc on Tuesday, the 7th day of February, at 10 a.m.

J. EARL HALLIWELL, Recording Secretary.

Dates of Big Inventions.

The air brake was invented by Westinghouse in 1874; the torpedo by Bushnell 1777; watch by Peter Henle 1477; thermometer by Daniel Fahrenheit 1709; telescope by Lippersheim 1608; printing by Ganselheim 1488; microscope by Jansen 1609; cotton gin by Eli Whitney 1793; lithography by Senefelder 1798; lightning rods by Franklin 1752; gun powder by Schwartz 1320; balloon by Montgolfier 1783; barometer by Torricelli 1643.—Communication from Messrs. Marion & Marion, Solicitors of patents and experts, New York Life Building, Montreal.

Young Folks.

A QUESTION.

If you will kindly tell me, please, What animal I am, I shall be very thankful—My grandmother, "blessed lamb," My brother Archie says "that kid," "Upstairs our whole big house, And when I tease my grandpa I'm just his "little mouse." I give my aunt Bess a letter, and She says, "thank you, my dear," And then I'm papa's "monkey," Which certainly is queer.

And Uncle Charlie says I'm stubborn As a "good sized mule," My mamma calls me her "sweetheart," When I've been good at school.

Now, this is all confusing To a man with no wit, I call myself just "Tiddy," Pray, what would you call me!

BILLY'S CHURCH.

"Will you please buy my geranium, Mr.?"

If musical voice, a bright face and a beautiful plant, all belonging to a young girl with dimpled cheeks and laughing blue eyes, will not bring a man to a standstill, then it must be to his life that will gladden his heart and renew his youth.

Somehow, the girl and would not have missed that sight for a great deal. As the girl stood there on that bright October morning, it was difficult to tell where the sunshine left off and where the girl began. They seemed made for each other; it was a perfect match, with the dividing line hard to discern.

"Have you any objection to tell me your name?"

"O, no, sir! My name's Gertrude Wilton."

"What a beautiful geranium you have there!"

"Isn't it lovely?"

"Indeed it is, and the finest I ever saw. Where did you get it?"

"About three years ago a lady left a slip lying on the seat in a horse car. I took it home, got the richest dirt I could find, put it in this old paint can and then set the slip in it, and began growing right away. I've given it plenty of water to drink and kept it in the sunshine as much as possible."

"Why, I should think you would love it dearly."

"Love it! I guess I do love it. It seems just like a part of myself."

"Well, my dear, if you love it so much, pray tell me why you want to sell it?"

"O, I wouldn't tell it if I did not want to help Gertrude Wilton's prayer. Don't you think it splendid to help answer somebody's prayers?"

"How do you know I believe in prayer?"

"O, I am sure you do, you have such a beautiful look."

She broke out into merry laugh, and I joined her in it. I said:

"Yes, I do believe in prayer. Now tell me who Billy is?"

"As I made this request a joyous look came into her face, and her blue eyes shone with delight; and the dimples deepened in her cheeks. I held a picture that was worth going a long way to see."

"What, Billy? Oh, he's the nicest and best little fellow in the city! Why, he is good, sunny, and music all in the lump. Somebody let him up, he was quite young and broke his hip, and ever since he has been a cripple. But his leg is the only crooked thing about him. My mother and father, Billy's mother was the best Christian she ever knew. Well, when she died last year, he wanted to help her, so you see, he belongs to all of us. He pays his way by selling newspapers, and no one with good looks can get around here better than Billy can with a crutch. But yesterday his crutch caught in a hole in the sidewalk, broke in two and let him fall. He managed to get up, but he was hurt. Well, last night, just as I was going to bed, I heard Billy praying. His room is right over mine, and I could hear him all right. Oh, I shall never forget his words as he said: 'Dear Lord, I've never been a cripple, but my broken hip, and I am willing to go through life with it, but I can't get on without a crutch. I've no money to get another, and I don't know who to ask, so please, dear Lord, send me another one. Mother always told me to go to you when I was in trouble, and to I come now. Please dear Lord, answer my prayer for Jesus' sake.' Amen."

"I laid awake a good while thinking of that prayer, and it was the first thing I thought of this morning, and I began wondering if I couldn't do something to help Gertrude Wilton's prayer. Well, while I was wondering I saw my geranium, and then I said: 'Oh, maybe I can sell it and get enough to buy another crutch!'"

"Now you know who Billy is and why I want to sell my geranium. Won't you please buy?"

I was greatly moved and interested and I'll own up to a great deal of moisture about my eyes, as I inquired: "How tall is Billy?"

"O, he's quite responded, 'I've got the measure of his old crutch!'"

"Yes, that is just what I mean; so if you please, Gertrude, we'll go and see about a crutch."

It did not take us long to find a store where such things were to be procured, nor a store where the keeper of the store as much interested as I was in the girl's story. Just the right kind of a crutch was found and a minimum price was put upon it.

"Well," I said, "I'll give you that much for the geranium, Gertrude, and it's very cheap at that!"

"O, thank you," she said, and her eyes fairly danced with gladness. "I'll take the crutch, please, but Billy must not know a word about where it came from. Isn't it just splendid to help Gertrude Wilton's prayer?"

"I want you to see me a favor, Gertrude. I am hundreds of miles away from the place where I live, and can't carry this plant around with me. Would it be too much trouble for you to keep it for me?"

"What do you want me to take care of it for you?"

"Yes, my dear, if it will not be too much trouble."

"O, you did, and you'll be glad to do it, as I said when it was mine."

I carried the plant, while she carried the crutch, and after reaching her house, Billy was called in to see me, while Gertrude smuggled the crutch into his room and came back with a face as happy as a face could be, but never betraying to Billy, by word or look, that she had been answering Billy's prayer.

To sum it all up, Billy got a new crutch and he is the happiest cripple in the city. He is now a happy girl, formerly a prayer, and a happier girl doesn't live. I own the handsomest geranium bush I ever saw and the one who takes care of it for me as proud as I am of that plant.

PHYSICAL CULTURE FOR GIRLS.

The need of the day is for a higher physical development of girls and young women. The world has moved along, and the fair sex to a certain extent, have gone with it, so says an exchange.

But it has been rather an intellectual development than a physical one. The women have occupied the places formerly occupied by men, and taken all in all have held their own very well. But in this they have shown only their mental capabilities. There can be little doubt that the tendency should have been comparatively at a standstill. There is, to be sure, a move in the right direction, but it will take a long time to effect a permanent or far-reaching result.

Girls do not sacrifice either modesty or refinement by indulging in athletics, the tendency should be to encourage exercise that will develop a more rugged constitution. In this way girls will find themselves possessed not only of the increased strength necessary to support them during the days when they are called to business occupations, but they will have the strength to sustain the burdens and trials of wifehood and maternity, and of all the responsibilities of womanhood when that important time shall arrive.

Therefore, girls go in for all the training you can stand, and if there is enough, and much of the poison, and ice cream, poisoned cheese, etc., come from it. By turning detective, any of us might go to some unwholesome stage of the cow pasture, and either there, or in a diseased animal tissue, or in a dirty stable, find the real cause for many of our dangerous and mysterious diseases. The effects of such a diet on the body are not to be underestimated. The effects of such a diet on the body are not to be underestimated. The effects of such a diet on the body are not to be underestimated.

Notwithstanding the effects of the Madrid authorities to regulate bullfighting, "fearing that excesses in the national pastime, might bring on a reaction," the common people of Spain have succeeded so far in dodging every law yet made to restrict their favorite sport. The result has been a number of accidents—due to poor barricading and inexperienced toreros.

In and about Madrid the government has some control over the sport, but in the more distant villages the authorities are nearly helpless.

There has been a law in force for some time that no village should be allowed to give bull fights unless it could boast of a suitably equipped "Plaza del Toro."

In the smaller villages, however, the inhabitants dodge the law by blocking up the streets with barricades, thus forming an improvised "plaza," that can hardly be recommended for the safety afforded the spectators.

The scene is unique. The entire village looks out on the barriers, happy in its defiance of the law, and applauds the alcade, generally a venerable man who gives the signal for encounter at the start.

Notwithstanding the fact that only "novillos"—young bulls of medium ferocity—are used in these improvised rings, accidents are frequent, and at times, there is always room for something better, hence those who find seedlings coming up about their premises or who are thinking of endeavoring to raise some, should not be discouraged. Many persons lose heart in the raising of seedling fruits because of the length of time it takes a seedling to bear, writes Joseph Mehan.

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On the Farm.

BUILDING UP THE DAIRY.

What we are to understand by the oft-repeated phrase, "building up the dairy," is properly interpreted and followed, chapter first can mean nothing but grafting new, vigorous scions onto the old stock. Or, in cattle parlance, it is infusing fresh blood into the dairy through milk-bred sires, and then establishing an inseparable link in the help of calf department, survival of the fittest only. Insect or breed into the best strains of cows available, feeding them on the most perfect milk-producing food you can raise; the business a year or long enough to give it a fair trial, and if

News Summary.

Recent Happenings Briefly Told.

CANADA.

A Detroit military school is to be established at Belleville, Ontario.

Diphtheria is ravaging the lumber camps near Sudbury.

Another case of suspected amplex has been found in the city of Winnipeg.

The Township of Humberbrook has carried prohibition under the local option law by 38.

Three steamers have been wrecked and many lives lost in ice jams on the Yukon.

Eight thousand claims have been made to the Government for Fenian Raid medals.

At the Montreal depot on Wednesday, 400 Chinese, on route for Mexico, were given their supper.

The Archbishop of Quebec was invested with the pallium with imposing ceremonies at the Basilica.

The Canada Atlantic and Parry Sound Railway last year carried nearly 11,000,000 bushels of grain.

The Ontario Cable Company, of Hamilton has shipped 20 tons of nails and hicks direct to the Yukon.

The Kingston Elevator and Transit Co., has asked for a bonus from Hamilton, to build an elevator there.

The Pacific and Pacific Junction Railway Company will extend their line from Aylmer to Ottawa.

Work will shortly be commenced on a 10,000 steel bridge, over the Rideau Canal at Marieville, Ottawa.

J. H. Metcalf, warden of the Kingston penitentiary, on leave of absence, is reported as gradually improving in health.

The Attorney-General of Quebec announces that marriages performed by Hornerites in the Province is illegal.

The Great Northwestern Transit Co. will replace the burned Pacific by a new steamer on the Saint Ste. Marie route.

Several cannon bells have been found by workmen excavating between the Quebec Post Office and the Chateau Frontenac.

The Hamilton Board of Works will let a quantity of stone to be cut by the city in order that the unemployed may have work.

Judge Ardagh has declined to give any decision in the Simcoe County Council record on account of the confused state of the bills.

Prof. Goldwin Smith is writing a popular history of the United Kingdom down to the Reform act of 1832, to be published in the autumn.

Senator MacInnes has decided to close Dundurn Park at Hamilton to the public this year. He will not leave either the park or baseball grounds.

The dead body of an infant was found in a room at London, just vacated by a woman who gave her name as Mrs. MacDaniels. An inquest will be held.

The Governor-General has asked the people of British Columbia to subscribe to the Gordon Memorial College, through Lieutenant-Governor McInnes.

Last year the Government received \$1,750 from the poll tax on Chinese immigration, of which \$27,000 was paid over to the Province of British Columbia.

Prof. Henry Alleyne Nicholson, rector of the University of Aberdeen, is dead. He at one time occupied a chair at Toronto University.

The United States Government's claim against John and James Livingston of Baden for \$18,000 due as customs duties has been settled for \$1,000.

Hon. James D. Lewis, Senator, who has been on the directorate of the Bank of New Brunswick for 48 years, has just been re-elected president for the third term.

The Allan and Dominion line steamers, which leave Halifax on Mondays, will now wait once a month for a few hours, until the arrival of the Chinese from the Pacific coast.

The Customs Department has nearly completed arrangements for placing its officers under guarantee bonds. The total amount of the guarantee is between \$900,000 and \$1,000,000.

The Hamilton School Board has a heavy deficit, owing to the Normal School and other new buildings costing more than was realized for the donations issued to build them.

The Woodstock Town Council is non-plussed over the fact that the roof on the new Central Methodist hall, purchased by the town, has been constructed according to the provisions of the fire by-law.

The Gatineau Valley Railway will be extended this year from Greenfield, the present terminus, to Montpelier, which will be the terminus for some time to come. The distance is 28 miles.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the French Valley Canada Association, was held at Peterboro, and a decision arrived at to begin aggressive action to further the work.

GREAT BRITAIN.

A decree has been signed appointing Gen. Lord Kitchener Governor-General of the Sudan.

A combination of colico printers in England and France is talked of, with a proposed capital of \$50,000,000.

A relative of General Gordon has recently paid \$150 for a hymn book which the Sudanese have in his name.

The North-Eastern Railway Company of England has just distributed \$1,000 in prizes to the keepers of sixty small game estates as awards for neatness and good taste.

It is reported that the British Government is about to impose counter-vailing duties upon French country-made goods, to force France into the movement to abolish these bounties.

The total amount of money coined by all the Queen's predecessors on the throne was £2,000,000. During the reign the Mint has struck out £1,000,000,000, including £150,000,000 in £10's—a record for all time.

Prof. Richard Claverhouse Jebb, of Cambridge, who represents the university in Parliament, has been elected as Mr. Gladstone's successor to the honorary professorship of ancient history in the Royal Academy.

Wilfrid Harcourt, the actor, has entered suit at London against Hal Caine and Charles Frohman to enforce his rights in the play, "The Christian" throughout the world, with the exception of the United States.

The floor of the rotunda at the London Coal Exchange, where the merchants gather, is unique. It is composed of inlaid woods arranged in the form of a house compass, with a border of Greek fret. Upwards of 4,000 pieces of wood are employed.

War correspondents were at it as far back as the time of Edward III. Seriously commissioned, were sent up with the English army which invaded France in 1346. The London newspapers were specially represented at the battle of Waterloo.

Mr. David B. S. Sir, formerly Finance Minister of India, is going to Jamaica for the British Government, to see that the financial affairs of the island are righted.

It is claimed that the lack of property, and British proposals to acquire a portion of the island, on an equal footing with the islands now managed by the United States.

A rather novel form of combined amusement and instruction has been arranged for the benefit of certain prisoners at Wormwood Scrubs, London, who may be anxious to "turn over a new leaf" in the New Year.

The National Health Society has obtained permission from the Prison Commissioners to hold a weekly "Healthy Talk" on health and hygiene.

It is claimed that the women who are undergoing short sentences in the prison mentioned, these lectures will be of great benefit to them.

Lord Aberdeen will be the new president of the British Empire League.

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The Allan and Dominion line steamers, which leave Halifax on Mondays, will now wait once a month for a few hours, until the arrival of the Chinese from the Pacific coast.

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In its eye and its make up, yet its beauty provokes.
You heart to a flutter when'er you begin.
To tie its broad ribbons under your chin.

This dainty white bonnet tied under the chin
Is a very nice place to hide yourself in.
It brings out a pink like the rose of the morn.
It's the place where the blushes are born.
Some say it is naughty, yet were it a sin
To wear such a bonnet, you'd wear it again.

—John Avery Lomax in Dallas News

TWICE HANGED.

The date of the tale is the year 1418,
And two men, one older than the other and
Both peasants, are going along the road,
Mounted on donkeys.

"Do you think we shall get there in time?" said the son.

"Oh, yes. It is only a quarter past 12
In the sun, and the affair doesn't come off
till 2 o'clock."

"It will be a curious sight."

"I believe you."

"And so the man is to be hanged in the
suit of armor which he stole?"

"Yes."

"And he was caught as he was carrying
it?"

"Yes. You see, this armor made a terrible
row while it was being carried off.
Apparently it wanted to remain with its
rightful owner."

"And they arrested the man?"

"Not at first. They began by being
frightened out of their wits. These people
didn't believe that he had a thief to deal
with."

"And what then?"

"A ghost. This occurred, being a power-
ful fellow, came in the night, and he
lifting it high above his head, so that as
he passed along the corridor he looked
like an enormous giant. Besides that,
the chain made a terrible noise, so you
can imagine the fright of the servants.
Unfortunately for him, however, the noise
woke up their master, the Seigneur de la
Piroche, who, fearing nothing, he went
down the dead, caught hold of the robber
and gave him over, half strangled, to the
arm of the law."

"And that was the end of the law?"

"Was his own. He condemned the man
to be hanged, dressed in the suit of armor."

"Why did he insert that clause in the
sentence?"

"Because the Seigneur de la Piroche is
not only a brave soldier and leader of
men, but a sensible fellow who wished
that the sentence into a trap for
others and profit for himself. Don't you
know that the last thing that touches
the body of a man who is hanged brings
good to the person who dies? So the
Seigneur de la Piroche ordered the
criminal to be dressed in his armor in
order to take it back again after the ex-
ecution as a talisman."

"That was a clever idea."

"I believe you, my boy."

The father and son continued their way,
chatting, and had not gone far when
they arrived at Piroche. An immense
crowd of people had assembled on
the great square opposite the castle,
for the gallows had been set up.
The two companions drew as near to the gal-
lows as they could, so as to lose nothing
of the show, and waited for the others.

They did not long to wait. At a quarter
to 2 o'clock the gate of the castle opened,
and the culprit appeared, preceded by
guards and followed by the hangman.

The robber was accoutred in the golden
armor and mounted on a haughty don-
key, with his face to the tail. His hands
were tied behind his back. The culprit
was brought to the gallows.

The hangman put the ladder against the
gallows, and the chaplain of the castle,
mounting upon a platform prepared for
him, read the warrant of execution.

The culprit remained immovable, as if
he were going to play a trick on the spec-
tators by dying before he was hanged.

The people yelled, ordering him to come
down from his donkey and give himself
up to the hangman. He didn't stir a
finger. Then the hangman took him round
the waist, lifted him from the donkey's
back and placed him erect upon the ground.

By this time the chaplain had finished
reading the sentence.

"Now you say request to make?"

"Yes," replied the wretched man in a
sad voice, made hollow and dull by the
helmet.

"What is your request?"

"I want to go home."

"You shall go home," said the Seigneur
de la Piroche, shrugging his shoulders.

"To your last home," and he gave the
signal to the hangman to go to work.

The hangman began to mount the lad-
der. The gibbet stretched forth its hand,
ready to drag soul from body, but it was
not an easy task to drive the victim to his
fate.

The executioner and his victim seemed
to vie with each other in politeness. Not
a word should proceed the one or the other.

At last the hangman resorted to the same means
by which he had forced the culprit to come
down off his donkey. He took him by the
tail of the body, put it over his head,
third rung of the ladder and began to push
him up from behind.

"There was no help for it, he had to
climb. Then the hangman adroitly put
the slipknot that ornamented the end of
the rope about the neck of his victim, and,
giving the latter a vigorous shove,
he sent him up into the air.

For two or three minutes the victim
wavered at the end of the rope. He turned
and twisted, and then remained stiff and
dead. The people began to cheer, and
the body clid in armor, which shone in
the sun, and then separated into groups,
taking the way to their homes and chat-
ting merrily over the event.

Next morning at break of day two men
at arms came out of the castle to cut down
the corpse and to strip it.

They found something which they did not
at all expect, for the gallows and the
rope were there, the body was gone,
together with the armor and what was
strange, the rope was neither broken
nor cut, but just as it was before it was
put round the culprit's neck. The two sol-
diers ran to tell their superior and in-
stated he wouldn't believe them and in-
sisted

upon assuring himself of the truth of the
report.

What had become of the dead man? For
all the village had seen him die the even-
ing before. Could another robber have
carried him away for the sake of the armor?

Had the friends or relatives of the de-
ceased taken him away to give him Chris-
tian burial?

The Seigneur de la Piroche was trou-
bled. He didn't like to lose the armor.
He felt that the golden armor was due
to any one who would deliver up the cul-
prit accoutred as he was at the time of
his death.

All the houses in the village
were rummaged, but nothing was found.
Nobody claimed the reward.

The Seigneur de la Piroche continued
to hunt his thief before him, gods and
demons. He was beginning to take his
loss philosophically, when one morning
on waking he heard a great noise on the
place where the execution had taken place.
He was just going to ask what it was all
about when his chaplain came into the room.

"My lord," said he, "do you know what
has happened?"

"No, but I'm going to find out."

"I can tell you."

"What is it?"

"A miracle."

"The man was hanged?"

"Well, what of him?"

"He's here."

"At the gallows?"

"Hanged?"

"Yes, my lord."

"In your armor?"

"Quite right, my property. And he is
dead?"

"Quite dead. Only—"

"Only what?"

"He has sprung on his horse?"

"No."

"Well, then, he has them on now, and
instead of having his helmet on his head
it is carefully placed at the foot of the gal-
lows, and he is hanging bareheaded."

"Quick! let us go and see!"

The Seigneur de la Piroche ran through
the crowded square. The neck of the cul-
prit had been replaced in the slipknot, his
body was at the end of the rope, and the
armor was on his corpse. It was wonder-
ful. Everybody cried out that it was a
miracle.

"He repeated," said one, "and came
back to hang himself again."

"He was there all the time," said an-
other, "only we did not see him."

"But why has he got up now?" asked
a third.

"Doubtless because he had a long way
to come and was in a hurry."

"I know, and he is far or near, I
shouldn't have had any need of spurs, for
I shouldn't have come back."

Everybody laughed and looked at the
horrible fellow, who had come back for
the lord of Piroche, he only troubled himself
to make sure that the robber was indeed
dead and to take back his armor.

They took away the body, striped it of
the armor and hung it up again. The
crows went to work so vigorously that at
the end of two days the body was all torn
up. The gallows had been set up as a
scaffold, and in a fortnight it looked
like nothing at all.

But how came it that, being hanged,
he had come back? Had he been hanged
and had come back and hanged himself again?

At last it was said that our two pas-
sants, on their way home, passed by the
gibbet and had heard groans and sighs
that sounded like a prayer for help. They
crossed themselves and had asked
what was the matter. Nobody answer-
ing, and the groans continuing, they had
noticed that the sounds came from the
corps, and had taken the executioner's
ladder, leaned it against the arm of the
gibbet, and on mounting to a level with
the body, they had seen—

"Is it you who are groaning, my poor
man?"

The culprit had called up all his strength
to answer.

"Yes."

"You are still alive, then?"

"Yes."

"Do you repent of your crime?"

"Yes."

"Then I'm going to take you down."

The father and son took the man down
and understood that he was still alive.

The rope, instead of seizing the
neck of the robber, had seized the neck of
the helmet, and the sufferer, who was hung,
but not the helmet, was able to breathe
and to live until the two peasants came
along and rescued him. They took him
home and gave him into the charge of
the mother and sister.

But a thief is always a thief. There
were only two things to steal in the pas-
sant's cottage—his horse and his daughter.
A fair virgin of 16. The rescued man de-
termined to steal both. He wanted the
horse and just after the girl. One evening,
therefore, he saddled the horse, put
his armor and sword on, and set out to
make the animal go more quickly, and,
seizing the young girl, who was asleep,
tried to take her up behind him, but she
awoke and cried—

"The father and the son hurried up. The
robber tried to escape, but it was too late.
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tect, seeing that the fellow was totally
irreclaimable, resolved to do justice on him
better than the lord of Piroche had done.
They took him back to Piroche and hanged
him again, putting his helmet on the
ground, so that he should not escape once
more, and then they quietly went home.
As for the Seigneur de la Piroche, as he
had the powerful tallman, he started joy-
fully for the wars, and was the very first
man to be killed.—Boston Traveler.

At the Telephone.

"Hello! Give me 1,000."

"What?"

"Ten hundred and sixty-six."

"One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, six."

"I don't get it. Try again."

"Got that?"

"Yes."

"One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, six."

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FARRAGUT'S BOBBLED NAQ.

Bullseye Hit by a Connecticut Dan-
dier in a Review in 1864.

In the spring of 1864, when a General
Banks was on the march with his
three brigades were encamped at Baton
Rouge, and the raw recruits were getting
into trim for the following campaign, and
General Banks was reviewing them with
tactics. Finally a review was ordered, and
Admiral Farragut was to be the guest of
the day. He came in a light-colored
visiting, the bandmaster of each regiment
strove to have a better programme than
any other. Besides the regular music
"Star Spangled Banner," "Rock
White and Blue," "Yankee Doodle" and
Dixie," the band of the Twenty-fourth
Connecticut had a dozen of the catchy
of the day, and the leader took pride in
calling for anything he wanted without
notice and was sure that it would be well
played.

For the occasion General Banks and his
staff were handsomely dressed and super-
bly mounted. General Grover and the other
general officers, each with his staff, were
also equipped in style. The uniforms of
Admiral Farragut and his staff were
called accordingly from the drill, and there
was a sound of quickly retreating
feet.

The bandmaster was thoroughly alarmed.
"Good heavens!" he said to himself, "the
band must be on fire, and the porter is
rounding the guests." He dressed in his
haste, buttoned his pants down to his
vest, put on his shirt wrong side to, and
tried to get into his coat and sprang down
the stairs to the music of the band. Every-
thing was strangely quiet.

"What's up?" he said breathlessly to the
clock.

"You seem to be for one," growled that
dignitary, walking out of a door.

"I should say so," retorted the drum-
mer. "Somebody nearly broke my door
down just now. What's the matter, your
hon?"

"Why, that was your call," said the
clock.

"You ordered a call at 2:30, didn't
you?"

"Yes," replied the drummer, beginning
to understand, "but, confound you, I or-
dered it for 1:40!"

"You must be the clock," said the drum-
mer. "You said the clock calmly, and
'but you made a mistake. Your room is
not 1:40, but 1:14. If I hadn't noticed it
on the book, you wouldn't have been
able to come here."

The drummer looked at him in silence
for a moment, then he turned, still un-
der speaking, and slowly mounted the
clock. At 2:30 the elevator is not run-
ning.

Saw Her Opportunity.

A woman citizen of the following
story: "I have a friend who resides in
one of the fashionable suburbs. The
friend has a bright little daughter, who is
possibly a little more than 5 years of age.
She is a very pretty child, and is called
one whose first name is Mable. Whenever
the little girl is disheveled at the table
Mable is required to conduct her into the
kitchen and keep her until she is dressed
over. The other evening the head of the
family reached home and sat down to the
table shortly. All at once he remem-
bered that his daughter was not with him
in an important piece of business, and in
his vexation gave vent to the single but
pathetic exclamation 'D-n it!'

"In order to keep up the standard of
the family, the mother called to her
daughter to start for the kitchen. Fortu-
nately the little girl related, and the meal
was finished in peace.—Cincinnati Eu-
quirer.

His Head.

A passenger on a steamship had
an experience which led her to believe that
a seaman is not apt to waste many thoughts
on his personal troubles.

The sailor who brought her to this op-
inion was a tall, well-built man, and he
on the second day out. She was
sollicitous in her inquiries as to his welfare
when she saw the captain that night and
would not let her go until she had heard
his sympathy had not a rough sea called to
mind her own sufferings.

Four days after, when she emerged, white
and cold, from her state of unconscious-
ness, she remembered the poor sailor. In
the course of the day she saw him, with
a strip of plaster on his forehead.

"West by south, man," was the reply,
delivered with respectful but hasty
courtesy, and he was gone.—Youth's
Companion.

The Minister's Recommendation.

A minister of the Gospel, in recom-
mending to a superintendent than politics,
and I have myself been hampered in my
efforts to do the best thing for the schools
by the fact that I am a politician.

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towns of the world. East and west do
not equally divide the area supplied from
these two centers, for London serves Asia
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AFTER XII.—Continued.

In person, Albert Trichet was small and thin, he had dark hair, and small, cunning-looking eyes, his skin was brown and wrinkled, and he cultivated a small black moustache, carefully waxed up at the ends, and a still smaller black tuft upon his chin, which

Finally proved that he was bound, not to Vienna, but to New York; and as clear a case of fraudulent attachment as has ever been made out would have been conclusively proved against him, had not the engine of this train in running off the line, and he were both in ruin. The law could not be made to do a thief to a doom more awful than any that the law could have brought upon him. This is what happened is it not? The new laws ended his relation, he bent his head, and he was only seven miles away.

them carefully and laid them aside. Gerard felt a cold chill steal over him. Yet what could he expect? This was a woman of the world, and her emotions were not to be taken too seriously. She was a woman of a calm, silent nature—he to-day and gone to-morrow. He thrust the closed envelope she gave him savagely into his breast and would not open it until the following morning. He had no reason to complain of want of generosity as he fingered the notes, which

IN THE WEATHER BUREAU.

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THE YANG-TSE VALLEY.

A New Field for Civilized Enterprise—Gold Mining in Tibet.

Mr. Archibald Little, a gentleman who has spent the better part of his life in China during which he has been largely instrumental in developing the navigation of the upper reaches of the Yang-tse-Kiang recently has been giving his views and experiences of China, more particularly with relation to the Yang-tse Valley. He was for some time established at Ichang but has moved up to Chung-King, an important trade centre in Sze-Chuen, at the junction of the discharge of several rivers into the Yang-tse. He describes the basin of the Yang-tse as comprising an area of about 700,000 square miles, and as being the richest sub-tropical region in the world, and inhabited by a thrifty, hard-working population. The whole region, except that part contained in the great plateau of Tibet, is cultivated like a garden, the mountain slopes being terraced to their summits. The soil is highly fertilized and yields a ceaseless rotation of crops that go to sustain a thickly settled population. The mineral resources of the country are great but quite undeveloped. Mr. Little, however, expects, and apparently with reason, a great industrial future for that part of China when mining and steam navigation are taken in hand by foreign capital.

Regarding the mountainous country to the westward of the Min River, one of the main tributaries of the Yang-tse that flow from the north,

SOME INTERESTING DETAILS are given in a report by a British consular official, Mr. G. J. Litton, who has made a journey into that region this year. He speaks of the strategical and commercial importance of Tachienlu, also called Dorchung, as the gateway into the elevated plateau of Tibet from Central China.

This town has about 9,000 inhabitants, mostly Tibetans, who are engaged in the forwarding trade between Tibet and the Yang-tse Valley. The exports from the plateau are principally musk, wool, rhubarb, ginseng, and gold, known as "huang-huo," or yellow goods. This last comes mostly in the form of dust, though nuggets are occasionally brought down. The chief centres of gold production are Litang and Chantui, the former producing the best and the latter the most gold. At no time, however, was the quantity very great that came from these workings in the way of trade, not much over 8,000 ounces annually, and lately this has decreased to about half, owing to the chronic disorders in that part of the country. But it is known that considerable quantities are brought out in small parcels that do not pass through the hands of the regular "huang-huo" traders, the dealers from the interior demanding nearly the full value of the gold at Chung-King.

Tibetans are said to have the strongest objection to mining of any kind, but do not object to washings in the alluvial sands of the river beds. They fear the influx of large bodies of "CHINESE MINERS," but there are also certain gemstone superstitions. The idea is that gold in the reef represents a vital principle which produces gold by some mysterious force of generation; if the reefs were worked, it is believed that not only would the alluvial gold disappear, but that the prosperity of the whole country would wither away. The Chinese hold this view, and the Chinese Memorial it is stated that as certain mines had not been worked since the time of Yung Cheng, from 1723 to

1735, the quantity of gold must have increased largely. Concerning the political situation, Mr. Little appears to be of the opinion that the best policy to be pursued with regard to the Yang-tse is to maintain territorial integrity, but to insist on the perfect freedom of trade with all the provinces of China. He is not, however, as a high opinion, for he speaks of them as loving their country and its independence, though their ideas of patriotism differ somewhat from those that prevail in other countries. If only the hinterlands of the harbors and the great rivers remain open as before, Mr. Little sees no reason why diplomacy should bring about common action to achieve a result that would be for the benefit of the people of China and advantageous to the commerce of the whole world.

SEASICK SAILORS.

Russians' "Jackies" Are a Lot of Land Luffers. Any man who believes in the Russian Navy should keep his eye off the Russian blue-jackets. A real sailorman has fingers bent up like fishhooks, from the life-long habit of gripping things. The Russian sailor carries his hands like a soldier, and cannot possibly be "handy." A sailor's gait ashore has a slight roll. This arises from the need at sea of keeping up the windward side of a sailing ship. And the rolling gait marks one of a sailor's finest qualities—balance. Unless the body poses and balances to meet every motion of a ship the result is seasickness.

Now, the Russian blue-jacket does not roll in his gait ashore, but marches. Neither has he any sense of balancing at sea, and seasickness in the Russian fleet is a source of real weakness and danger. The Black Sea Squadron can only put to sea in the three calmest months of summer, and the so-called maneuvers take place ashore on the Koral Peninsula, consisting mainly of battalion drill. The Russian blue-jacket has no sense of balance, and his real sea fit for facing emergencies single handed. But the Russian blue-jacket has none of this. He is not a machine in himself, but only a little bit of a machine which cannot work without the other bits. He is huge in stature—a giant compared with our men—in his winter overcoat it is impossible to distinguish him from a soldier. Unhandy, seasick and reliant only on drill discipline, he is utterly unfit for active service.

AN ELECTRIC OMNIBUS.

An electric omnibus has lately been put in service experimentally in Berlin. It has accommodations for 26 passengers, measures 23 feet in length by 61-2 feet in width, while its weight, including the battery, is 6,655 metric tons. The battery, which consists of 120 cells, contained in 24 boxes, weighs about one and three quarters tons, and is fixed in the capacity to take place in the vehicle a distance of 90 kilometers, 57-1-2 miles, at a speed ranging from six to twelve kilometers an hour. The motor is geared to the front axle of the omnibus.

PRINCESS DEAN.

A story relates to Princess Beatrice, who, when a little girl, used to play at cooking. She had on one occasion made some cakes which were more than usually bad, and all her friends declined to taste them. "Very well, then," said the little Princess, "as Dr. Stanley is not here I shall give them to the donkey." The late Dean Stanley was a great favorite with the Queen's young children; but no more entertaining stories to tell. Princess Beatrice was well aware that he had not the faintest smell, hence her consideration him a most proper person for the consumption of doubtful pasties.

Winter Warnings.

We never know when an apparently healthy system may succumb to a cold or an attack of pneumonia, typhoid fever or griping. The only safety in this season is in keeping the blood pure, the appetite and digestion good, and the bowels regular. Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills are the most effective and valuable winter medicine for griping, rheumatism, skin eruptions, and vitalizes the blood, tones and strengthens the stomach, creates appetite and gives good digestion, and Hood's Pills keep the bowels in a healthy condition, cure biliousness, constipation, indigestion and headaches.

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act harmoniously with Hood's Sarsaparilla. 25c.

THE QUEEN'S SERVANTS.

Queen Victoria brought up her children to treat servants with consideration and fairness. A strict mistress, she is also just and considerate. The Princess Royal, now the Dowager Empress of Germany, was, as a child, overbearing in her manner to servants, and the queen frequently punished her for speaking rudely to those who waited on her. On one occasion the Duke of York, then a lad, was severely reprimanded by the queen before a number of people for an inconsiderate remark made to a servant.

"The result of her wise training," writes a member of the royal household, "is that the royal family make the best masters and get the best servants in the world. Until the day of her death, the Prince of Wales visited his old nurse, while the young Duchess of York never omits, when she is at White Lodge, to see those humble folk who were kind to her in childhood. Many of the most loving and thankful words ever added by Her Majesty's own hand to the 'Court Circular' have been tributes of esteem and gratitude to some good servant who has gone before."

A strange institution, but one that works admirably, was organized by the queen and Prince Albert early in their married life at Windsor Castle. It is known as the Committee of the Queen's Household, and is composed of the higher officers who serve in the royal household. It is the duty of this committee to look after the domestic differences and back-stair bickerings, and lay before this little court. Its members go to the root of every quarrel and dispute, and are judicious and lenient on them. Very serious cases are laid with the judgment of the committee, before the queen herself. On the subject of the royal rules for the guidance of the queen's servants, there hangs in the servants' hall at Windsor Castle, an old black-letter document, on which are printed the following twelve good rules, found in the Study of Charles I. of best memory: Profane no divine ordinance. Touch no St. matters. Urge no heathens. Pick no quarrels. Maintain no ill opinions. Encourage no vice. Repeat no grievances. Reveal no secrets. Make no comparisons. Keep no bad company. Make no long meals. Lay no wagers. In the morning of the world will maintain Thy peace and everlasting gain.

It is an unexplained fact that glowworms are much more brilliant just before an approaching storm than at any other time.

A writer in "The Stockbreeder" assigns to Thomas-Phosphate Powder something approaching the important place it is evidently destined to occupy in agriculture in the future. "Possessing as it does sympathy with our cattle breeders, graziers, and farmers generally, I would esteem it a privilege to add, through you, a testimonial to the splendid qualities of this somewhat recently introduced form of phosphate. I have used it on my land, where it has transformed pure grass into a beautiful clover-bed, of the greater feeding and meat-producing of which, compared with the former condition of the herbage, it is needless to expatiate upon, here and now. But in the closing paragraphs the difference in albuminoid feeding value, of the turnips, I take as the pith of the whole experience. If there is a benefit in Thomas-Phosphate Powder, as here shown, why do not professors attempt to lay it before us?" I beg to answer, with some deference, a conjectural reply to this question: That certain professors of agricultural science may possibly feel that the recuperative and wealth-producing properties of this Thomas-Phosphate render the full appreciation which its merits deserve, it would simplify so many problems which it seems their delight to harp upon—as constituting the only safe basis for the raising of their formerly accepted dicta at an inconvenient discount.

As the winner of the Derby wears the Blue Ribbon of the Turf, so Blue Ribbon is the champion of all Teas.

BADEN RAILWAY TELEGRAMS.

When a traveler in the Grand Duchy of Baden wants to send a telegram while he is on the train he writes the message on a postal card, with the request that it be wired, puts on a stamp and drops it into the train letter box. At the next station the box is cleared and the message sent.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Mrs. W. Rowe, of Woodstock, Tells a Thrilling Story.

Woodstock, Ont., Jan. 23.—Mrs. W. Rowe, who keeps a grocery store at No. 311 Dundas street, here, and who is known to, and respected by, a very large number of people in the town, had a very narrow escape from an untimely death, recently.

"To our reporter, who called on the lady and asked for particulars of the incident, Mrs. Rowe said: 'I have had an experience such as fall to the lot of very few women. Twelve years of my life were made almost unendurable by Female Weakness, together with Kidney and Liver Complaints. 'My physicians did all they could for me, but they could not give me either relief or cure. They finally announced to me that I could never get better. 'Then I began to try what the various proprietary medicines that were advertised in the papers, would do for me. I took a good many bottles of one remedy and another, but my case continually grew worse. 'One day I was advised by a friend to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. They will cure you, I know, for they saved my daughter's life, and she was worse than you are. 'I took her advice. In two days a wonderful change for the better had occurred. I felt myself growing stronger daily. My appetite returned, the dull, heavy, weary ache went out of my back, the terrible head weight from my legs, my headaches, vanished, my sleep became sound and refreshing. To-day I am healthier, stronger and better every way than I have been for twenty years. 'Dodd's Kidney Pills are the best medicine on earth for weak, sickly, suffering women.'"

It is a popular belief in England that a holly bush, planted near a dwelling, protects the house from lightning.

To Our Readers. The editor desires to inform his readers that he is authorized, through the courtesy of N. C. Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont., to sell their famous suffering from Catarrh, fresh breath, bronchitis, &c., a simple outfit of Catarrhizone. Catarrhizone is a liquid which, when inhaled, reaches every diseased spot, cleansing and invariably curing catarrh and all nasal and throat diseases. For a short time these remedies will be given away free of charge, but only while they last. Write at once to the above address.

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Deafness Cannot be Cured by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube is inflamed, it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; hence, when deafness is caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the tube, it cannot be cured by local applications, but must be cured by Dr. J. C. O'NEWY & CO., Toledo, O., Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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Universally admired and highly recommended by the Medical Profession. Frame of table is constructed of steel tubing, finished either in Black or White Enamel. Top of table is made of solid wood. Selected Oak or Maple. Can be used over bed, dressing chair, etc. A household article of great merit and utility. Descriptive circular and price list sent free upon application. Correspondence invited.

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The most Violent Attack Since 1890, Leaving Behind a Host of After Effects that Make Life Miserable.—Prompt and Effective means should be Taken to Strengthen the System.

LA grippe, now sweeping over this country in one of its periodic epidemics, is one of the most treacherous and difficult diseases with which medical science has to cope. It is in its after effects that it is particularly dangerous, and these assume many forms, prominent among which may be mentioned heart weakness, bronchitis, and lung troubles, nervous prostration, alternate chills and fever, a feeling of constant lassitude and an indisposition to either mental or physical exertion. Often the sufferer does not recover from the after effects of the grippe for years, and in some cases the system is so debilitated and among those of advanced age, the number of cases terminating fatally is appalling.

Even after a mild attack of the grippe it is imperative that the system should be thoroughly toned up, the nerves strengthened and the blood purified. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is the only medicine that can be depended upon for promptness and thoroughness in this emergency. These pills are a true blood feeder, bringing to the vital fluid the constituents that give it richness, redness and strength, thus driving out disease and restoring the system to its normal state.

Mr. Harry Hagg, a well known farmer living near Nipiss, has testified to the great value of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in removing the after effects of the grippe. The disease left him a victim to cold chills, violent headaches, dizziness and nervous prostration of the heart. Mr. Hagg says: "I finally went to a doctor, who stated that the trouble was likely to develop into a consumptive disease, and he advised me to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as a trial, and as my case was critical, I determined to give them a fair trial and purchased a dozen boxes. Before the third was used there was good evidence that they were helping me, and before I had used a dozen boxes, were used I was as strong and vigorous as I had ever been, and I can heartily recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for the same purpose. If you have suffered from an attack of the grippe, procure a supply of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills at once, and they will give you right. Insist upon getting the genuine, as imitations never cured. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills do not keep them, and direct to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and they will be mailed post paid, at 50c. a box or six boxes for \$2.50.

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I have for service Thoroughbred Tamworth, Yorkshire and Dorset Jersey Boars, registered pedigrees.

Thoroughbred Tamworth pigs for sale, either sex. Prices right.
W. T. SINE.
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I have on hand a large amount of Ready-Made Clothing, Dress Goods, also Boots and Shoes, and some other lines of goods that I will sell at half price in order to make room for a new supply. Just come and bring your cash, and I will show you how to sell cheap.

D. NERRIE.
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OF VALUABLE VILLAGE PROPERTY IN THE
VILLAGE OF STIRLING.**

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage, which said mortgage will be produced at the time of the sale, will be offered for sale by Public Auction (subject to reserve) at the Stirling House, in the Village of Stirling, on

Friday, the 31st day of February, 1899

at 1 o'clock, P.M., the following lands and premises, that is to say:—
All and singular those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being composed of the North Five Acres of that parcel or tract of land and premises hereinafter more particularly described as follows, viz: That parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being composed of part of Township of Rawdon in the County of Hastings, and being part of Block "B" in the Village of Stirling on the North side of Church Street, commencing at the South West Corner of Village Lot Number Ten on the North side of Church Street, thence along the North side of Church Street forty rods, thence north parallel with the side line of said Lot Number Twelve forty rods, thence east parallel with Church Street to the place of beginning, containing ten Acres, less that portion of said land occupied by the Grand Junction (now Grand Trunk) Railway, and the one-quarter acre devoted to the Baptist Church, together with a strip of land of the width of thirty feet on the east side of the south half of that part of Block "B" above described, which strip of land leads from said Church Street to the adjacent Five Acres. This property is well located, and convenient to Church and Schools.

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Men's Long Felt Boots \$2.25...\$1.75
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Men's Rubbers, for socks, \$1.25...1.00
Socks...35
Boys' Overshoes \$1.00...50
Men's hair lined Moccasins \$1.50...\$1.10
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Ladies Overshoes \$1.40...1.10
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We have a lot of odd lines we want to clear out to make room for Spring Stock. Come early and secure bargains.
This Sale will continue the balance of this month.
We would like all Overdue Accounts settled at once.

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ADVERTISING NOTICES.
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RAILWAY TIME TABLE.
Trains call at Stirling station as follows:—
GOING EAST. GOING WEST.
Mail...6:15 a.m. Mail...4:47 p.m.
Mixed...6:42 p.m. Mixed...10:30 a.m.

The Stirling News-Argus.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1899.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Marmora Agricultural Society has now one hundred and six paid up members.

The County Council is now in session at Belleville. Mr. James English, of Madoc, was elected Warden.

Supplementary Farmers' Institute meetings are being held in the northern part of the county this week and next.

Have you been to ward's clean sweep sale?

The annual meeting of the Rawdon Conservative Association will be held at Spring Brook on Monday evening next, Jan. 30th, at 7 o'clock.

James S. Sprague, M.D., Robert Tait Gray, and Michael Gillen have been appointed License Commissioners for North Hastings for the current year.

The management of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church here are arranging for a grand entertainment at Easter. Fuller particulars later on.

10¢ Cash and 5¢ Trade off Furs and Winter Goods at ward's.

Weather prophets predict a stormy, cold February and first part of March, with much blizzard weather. Look out and be prepared for it.

Prof. Beal could not get a sufficient number to attend here to warrant him in going on with another term of instruction in vocal music. He has now classes at Burnbrae, Bethel and Foxboro.

We have a few Ulsters left at ward's.

Though we are still without any snow in this vicinity, we are informed that there is good sleighing a few miles to the north, and we believe throughout northern Ontario, while all the southern portion is bare ground.

Something new. A Musical Klondike Social will be held under the auspices of the C. O. O. F. on Friday evening, Feb. 10th, in the Music Hall, Stirling. Refreshments will be served free during the evening. Admission free. See posters.

We are requested to state that there will be a meeting of the subscribers to the Victoria Park fund held in Mr. L. Meiklejohn's Hall on Friday evening, Jan. 27th, at 8 o'clock. All who subscribed to the fund for the purchase of the Park are requested to be present.

A large number of hogs were shipped from here on Tuesday last. It is said that the amount of cash paid out in this village for live hogs for shipping averages over \$1000 per week, and about \$500 per week for cattle. And yet some people say that farming does not pay.

Stirling Lodge No. 239 I.O.O.F.

The following officers of Stirling Lodge No. 239, I. O. O. F., for the current term, have been duly installed by Bro. L. Meiklejohn, P. G.:—

N. G.—W. H. Knox.
V. G.—W. F. Ashley.
R. S.—G. L. Scott.
P. S.—H. Harris.
Treas.—D. Sager.
Warden—George Smith.
Com.—W. P. Hanna.
O. G.—E. T. Caverley.
I. G.—John Williams.
R. S. N. G.—W. S. White.
L. S. N. G.—Jackman.
R. S. V. G.—Jas. Sables.
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R. S. S.—N. Lucktree.
L. S. S.—R. Tucker.
Chaplain.—A. Bailey.

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FRUIT GROWERS and flower lovers should send a post card to "Canadian Horticulturist," Grimsby, for a free sample of the beautiful January Number of that journal, which begins a new series, enlarged and improved. It contains articles from the best authorities on fruit and flower growing, with numerous half-tone illustrations. This is the 22nd year, and its circulation is now 5,000 copies per month. It has become the leading authority on fruit growing for the province.

A. J. G. Swinney will start gold mining at Queensboro and Deloro on a big scale.

Mr. John R. Ketcheson has resigned the clerkship of Madoc Township after 50 years of continuous service. He is 71 years of age, and still hale and hearty. His successor is Mr. W. T. Allen, an ex-member of the Township.

A floating bridge a mile in length is to be built between Hull's Island in the Bay of Quinte and the mainland. The bridge will cost about \$10,000, and will save some 1000 feet travel between the island and Belleville.

The Boys' Wish.

Every boy that sees another boy with an Oak Hall, Belleville, refer on, wishes he had one just like it. They are so jaunty and warm, so perfect fitting, and so long lasting made. The special prices now make these garments so cheap that the boys wish ought to be gratified. Only good ones sold at the Oak Hall.

There are numerous schemes for making money, but not all honorable. In fact some make more or less of the nature of blackmail, though going by very high sounding and respectable names, and professing to be solely in the interests of their patrons—or victims. Most of these schemes have their headquarters in the larger cities, but not all by any means, and places of much smaller pretensions sometimes have persons who are not above trying by threats of withdrawal of patronage, etc., to raise money for purposes which do not and cannot in any way benefit the parties from whom help is solicited. It would be a good thing if the business men of even small villages would get together once in a while and compare notes and devise means whereby they would not be victimized by designing persons playing off threats of loss of trade by "giving our custom to your rival down street." An understanding to refuse aid to all worthless schemes would soon put a stop to such importunities.

Officers Elected.

At the last regular meeting of Stirling Lodge, I. O. F., the following officers were elected for the current year: V. Green—Chief Ranger. John Scott—D. C. Ranger. Wilson Harlow—Rec.-Sec. T. H. McKee—Treasurer. W. S. Martin—Fin.-Sec. J. M. Sharp—Sen. Woodward. O. Coutts—Jun. Woodward. Frank Hubble—Chaplain.

"Figures Talk."

It is said that the Family Herald and Weekly Star Company, of Montreal, buys one-sixth of the entire white paper consumed by the weekly papers of Canada. This will give some idea of the magnitude of that wonderful paper. There are over one thousand papers in Canada, and the Family Herald used one sixth of the entire paper used to print them. The circulation of that paper is growing by thousands every week, and before long the newspapers of the consumption of paper will be much larger. The picture, "Thin Red Line," has added thousands of new subscribers this season. The publishers, we are informed, have decided to issue a last edition of twenty thousand for those who subscribe during January and February. This will be some news to those who have delayed receiving and to those who are desirous of securing it. The Family Herald and Weekly Star one full year, with the picture, "Thin Red Line," is the greatest snap of the century for one dollar.

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The Book that Helps Me Most.

It was not Shakespeare's matchless mind that gave me what I chiefly prize; Nor yet in Bacon did I find What best rewards my studious eyes. Johnson and Swift, and Sterne and Pope, In turn I have read and pondered; Yet, when with crucial risks I cope, Assistance comes from none of these. For, though none of the learned host, Book after book I read and test, Of those that truly help me most, My father's checkbook is the best.

A district military school is to be established at Belleville.

PERSONALS.

THE NEWS-ARGUS invites the contribution to this column of all items of a personal nature, such as arrivals and departures of guests, etc. Please notify the editor, or leave a note at this office, or drop a card into the post office, giving full particulars.

Mrs. Robt. Chambers and Master Bruce, of Hastings, have been visiting relatives in town during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Faulkner and daughter, of Exeter, spent Sunday and Monday at St. John, N.B., on Saturday last, and will spend a couple of weeks with his parents here, before going on to Toronto.

Miss Anderson arrived home from Toronto on Tuesday evening for a rest.

Mrs. Donald Patterson, of Belleville, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McDermott, Stirling.

Corduroy Pants for \$1.00.
We are bound to make a clean sweep of winter goods at the Oak Hall, Belleville. Thirty pairs left of corduroy pants, never sold less than \$1.50 per pair, but they must go along with the heavy clothing. All sizes left, clearing at only \$1. Just the price of a good pair of overalls.

Auction Sale.

TUESDAY, FEB. 14.—On Lot 1 in the 10th Con. of Rawdon, the farm stock and implements belonging to Mr. Tobias Forbes. Sale to commence at 12:30 p.m. sharp. Wm. Rodgers, Auctioneer.

Married.

TWEEDIE-SILVER.—On Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the Methodist parsonage, Campbellford, by the Rev. T. M. Campbell, Mr. ALBERT EDWARD TWEEDIE, of Stirling, and KENECOA, daughter of Mr. Edward Silver, V. S., of Murray township.

Deaths.

LAFFERTY.—In Huntington, on Jan. 19th, EDWARD LAFFERTY, aged 3 years.

HELMER.—In Rawdon, on Jan. 22, RODNEY HELMER, aged 7 years, 4 months, 21 days.

ARCHIBALD.—In Huntington, on Jan. 22d, JACOB ARCHIBALD, aged 51 years, 4 months.

MC DONALD.—In Rawdon, on Jan. 22d, E. MC DONALD, son of Mr. Alex. McDonald, aged 9 years, 6 months, and 23 days.

MURRAY.—In Huntington, on Jan. 23, MARGARET MURRAY, aged 91 years, 5 months.

Big Bargains

In CLOTHING

The big bargains we are giving in Clothing is attracting the attention of every one. We have a large stock of Winter Clothing which must be cleared out by March 1st. Is it any wonder the people are interested in our store, when they can get a fair Suit, well made and good fit, for \$3.25?

UNDERWEAR.

The balance of our stock of UNDERWEAR will be sold at COST.

GLOVES & MITTS.

These lines will be cleared out at less than cost.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Sleighting is uncertain. Cold weather is sure.

ALSO SURE

That we have still a good assortment of Winter Footwear which we wish to dispose of at Greatly Reduced Prices.

Examine these prices for your own benefit:

Men's Buckled Felt Boots, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Men's Heavy Felt Sox, 25c.

Men's Larrigans, first quality \$1.25; second quality \$1.00.

Men's Moccasins, 90c. and \$1.00.

Women's Overshoes from 75c.

Women's Felt Gaiters from 50c.

Women's Felt Foxed Boots, 90c. and \$1.00.

Women's Skating Boots, worth \$1.75 and \$2.00, for \$1.50.

Women's Overgaiters at COST.

Children's Fancy Moccasins, 25c.

Help us Clear our Winter Stock, and we will Help you to Save Money.

Martin & Reynolds.

N.B.—We must have all long-standing accounts settled.

TO KEEP AWAY GRIP.

We say to one and all, if you want to purchase Cheap and useful

NEW FURS
come to us, and we will keep you comfortable, and do it very cheaply.

J. BOLDRICK & SON.

NOTICE!

Christmas is past and we are now selling off all
WINTER GOODS AT COST,
and less in several lines. We want to get our stock down before taking an inventory of it, which we do February the 1st.

DRY GOODS.

Brocade Lustre 35c. now 25c. Ladies' Vests 20c. now...15c.
Wrapperettes 15c. now...12c. Tam O'Shanter 25c. now 15c.
Golf Cloakings...less than cost. Tam O'Shanter 50c. now 35c.
Ladies' Vests 60c. now...50c.

DO NOT FORGET OUR ULSTERS.</